**Approved Meeting Minutes**

Date: October 7, 2026

Time: 10 a.m. meeting

Location: SCLS – Blue Room

**Attendees:** Nicole Malley-Romagnolo, Dave Jones, Mary O'Grady, Dan Costa, Anthony Giansante, Bob Johnson, Alison Mirabella, Cindy llardi, Nicole Parisi Eberle, Alex Cranshaw, Sara Fade

**Non-Attendees:** Roseann Mammina, Steve Alcalde, Rebecca Goldstein, Andrew Tarantowicz, Tory Young

Call To Order: 10:07 a.m.

**Approval of September minutes:**

- Corrections: none
  - o Approved by: Bob Johnson
  - o Seconded by: Dave Jones

**President's Report:** Nicole M. reported.

- In this meeting we will address: Scholarship criteria, AI program, CATS newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dan reported.

- Current balance is $2,708.01
- Scholarship funds not yet received. Bob resent funds $500.

**Archives:** No update

**Technology Information Forum (TIF):** Alison reported.

- Alison will be stepping down from TIF at the end of 2027.
- September 23rd joint meeting with Nassau and co-hosted with EETC at Rogers Memorial Library had 40 attendees.
- Next meeting: October 8th at 2:30 via zoom. Suffolk County only.

**East End Tech Coalition (EETC):** Anthony reported.

- Steve A. and Anthony co-hosted the TIF meeting on September 23rd.
- Planning a February meeting, date TBD.

**Tech Services Roundtable** (TSR): Cindy reported.

- Next roundtable scheduled for October 27th at Longwood Public Library, 10am-12pm.
- Nicole to create a flyer.

**Hospitality:** Bagels. Thank you, Anthony!

**Membership:**

- 148 members

**Newsletter:** Cindy reported.

- Working on third quarter newsletter, will be completed shortly.

**Publicity:** Nicole P. reported.

- Instagram, 29 followers; Facebook, 145 followers
- CATS logos. Nicole P. will send out logos for review.
- Posted EETC/TIF meeting.

**Programs:**

- AI Policy program: "Tech Talk: Do you Need an AI Policy" Alex will present and has made a flyer. In-person program on November 12, 2:30pm at Sayville Library. 1.5 CEU credits.
- Makerspace Policy program: Alex will present. Possible January date.
- Discussed library tour at Longwood Library, possible date January/February.
- Discussed process of sponsoring LILC programs. Submissions due 3rd week of December.

**Emerging Tech:** Alex reported.

- Alex sent out AI FAQ sheet after last meeting.

**Web Site:**

- Dave offered to take over this role. Forward documents to Dave.

**Old Business:**

- "Tell Your Story" program. Bob submitted $500 donation. There will be 2 winners, $250 each.
  - Submissions due by November 15.
  - Gmail email account will be created for this project.
  - Google form to be utilized for submissions. Include: name, library, position, 2 references & narrative on reason for joining library field.
  - Criteria: must be a member of CATS
  - 5-Person committee: Steve A., Anthony G., Alison, Dave, Bob J. Committee will evaluate applications blindly. Nicole M. will assign a number to each application and remove applicants name & contact information.
  - Program will be announced at SCLA annual dinner. Winners will be announced at CATS annual meeting.

- Winter mixer. Anthony reached out to Vanderbilt Planetarium for a possible non-profit rate, he has not heard back but will contact them again. Other possible locations: Waterdrinker Family Farm & Garden in Manorville (farm & brewery, does not take reservations) or Dave & Busters.

**New Business:**

- CATS Annual Meeting, December 2nd. Speaker Josh Varon. Nicole M. will find out exact topic and reach out to CCP Solutions regarding sponsoring event.
  - Raffle basket. Bob will create a basket. Possible ideas: chocolate or hot sauce.
  - Motion to approve $400 for meeting refreshments (in case CCP does not sponsor).
    approved by all board members attending meeting

**Division Highlights:** no report

**Next Meeting:**

- November 10th, Tuesday, 10am, SCLS

**Adjournment:** 11:10 a.m.

- Approved by Anthony G.
- Seconded by Nicole P.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary O'Grady