
Annual Meeting Minutes

Public Libraries Division, GLA

Thursday, October 13th, 2022, 8:00 am

Call to order

Meeting was called to order by Chair Ros Lett at 8:00 am.

Members in Attendance

Rosalind Lett, Bel Outwater, Radha Ashok, Mark Bohnstedt, Katelyn Morgan, Angela Cortellino, Angel Abounader, Suzy McCullough, Muriel Jackson, Effuah Chisholm, Jennifer Lautzenheiser, Gina Martin, Beth McIntyre, Stacy Brown, Meghan Newberry, Rebecca Camp, Angela Stanley, Susan Baker

Introduction of Current Officers

Chair – Rosalind Lett

Vice-Chair – Radha Ashok

Secretary – Bel Outwater

Acceptance of Meeting Minutes (January 28, 2022)

Motion – Angela Cortellino; Second – Angel Abounader. Motion carries.

Old Business

- **Lunch & Learns** – very successful. We sponsored an Intellectual Freedom event in March with Mack Freeman and a Cybersecurity event in May with David Teston. We hope to add an author event before the end of the year.
- **Author Reception** – 5 pm today! Come support PLD and local authors.
- **PLD expense report** – we spent \$215 on prizes for the author reception
- **Member engagement** – we have a roster of several hundred members but little actual engagement. How can we better serve the public librarians of GA?

Ideas:

- IF book challenge support groups or forums
- “Coffee chats” – virtual check-ins on tough topics. No presenter, just a facilitator to keep conversation running (self-care, 1st Amendment audits)
- Self-care resources
- Customer service training and resources
- Beanstack; gamification of services
- Continuing Education, motivating teams

New Business

- **Introduction of new officers for 2023**

Chair – Radha Ashok

Vice-Chair – Bel Outwater

Secretary – Kelly Williams

- **Author Spotlights** – want to highlight some of the authors that were unable to join us in Macon
- **Hot Topics & Virtual Programs:**
 - Dealing with patrons with mental illness
 - Trauma-informed care (maybe PLD could sponsor a Carterette webinar on partnering with community agencies for training and support)
 - Health Literacy
 - Working with State agencies for training

Announcements

Ros & Angel presenting on Toolkit for veteran outreach

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn – Beth McIntyre. Second – Angela Stanley. Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted by Bel Outwater
Secretary

Date of approval