

**MINUTES
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 2016
CARNEGIE LIBRARY OF PITTSBURGH EAST LIBERTY**

- I. **Call to order** – Betters called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. **Determination of Quorum** – Quorum established.
- III. **Public Comments** – None
- IV. **Consent Agenda** – MOTION made by Mellor (Oakmont) and seconded by Robinson (Crafton) to approve the minutes of the March 31, 2016 meeting. MOTION carried unanimously.
- V. **Requests for Additions or Changes to Agenda** – None
- VI. **Reports and Communication**
 - A. **President's Report** – None.
 - B. **State Budget update** – Jenkins reported that the House has adopted a budget, but unfortunately it does not mirror the Governor's proposal of a 2.2% increase for libraries. While there is an increase in education, libraries are included at level funding (though there is an increase for the State Library). Kuklis has suggested that all member libraries contact local State legislative offices to underscore the valuable role libraries play in education and encourage a funding increase for libraries. Kuklis has been attempting to arrange regional meetings with legislators, but legislators are indicating they may not be available locally until after the budget has passed. Jenkins also reported that the Port Authority is launching a year-long review of bus stops, looking again to eliminate some of the stops to speed up service. Jenkins recommended that member libraries contact local County Council members to request that PAT give consideration of including all libraries on public transit routes. This is particularly important if a library has seen elimination of diminishment of service. Jenkins has spoken with PAT staff to emphasize this message.
 - C. **Member Library Service Agreement update**– Helfrich reported that the Governance Committee wanted to thank Member Libraries for the valuable input on the first draft of the Member Library Service Agreement. That input will be considered in creating a second draft for an additional round of review.

- D. Month of Giving – Anderson reviewed the Month of Giving campaign which will take place over the month of September (this is also “Library Card Sign-Up Month”). The Jack Buncher Foundation has committed \$125,000 for a match fund and an additional \$25,000 to assist with marketing the event. More information will be coming out within a week to the libraries.
- E. Fair Labor Standard Act changes – Robert Cottingham of Cohen & Grigsby gave a presentation on changes to the Fair Labor Standard Act that will be implemented effective December 1, 2016. There are implications for libraries in terms of exempt positions and overtime requirements. The presentation will be made available on the ACLA wiki (acla.pbworks.com).
- F. Youth Services Overview – ACLA’s Youth Service Coordinator, Carrie Lane, gave a presentation about the goals and initiatives and upcoming programs for Youth Services. Debbie Priore of Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh gave a presentation on how she and her colleagues have applied the STEM training in their programming support for homeschoolers.


VII. Specific Topics for Discussion and Motions

- A. Community Engagement Resources – Helfrich reported that the Work Group has assembled resources including sample surveys, assessment tools, etc. on a new SharePoint site for library personnel.
- B. LAC Recommendations for 2017 RAD Proposal – MOTION by Moll (A.C. Free Library) and seconded by Tray (Green Tree) to adopt the recommendations of the Librarians Advisory Council for the 2017 RAD proposal, including a request for a 3% increase overall and use of interim population estimates (from the Southwest Pennsylvania Commission) at midpoints between when an official census is taken (the 2015 data would apply for the 2017 formula). MOTION carried with three oppositions (Mt. Lebanon, Shaler, and Upper St. Clair) and one abstention (Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh).

VIII. Public Comments – None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Helfrich, Secretary