

Florida Library Association Annual Business Meeting

March 3, 2016

The Plaza Resort and Spa, Daytona Beach, Florida

1. Quorum

FLA President Gene Coppola called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

Secretary Peggy Nuhn confirmed that a quorum of the membership was present.

2. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Sarah Hammill gave the Treasurer's Report, and noted that we made money this year. She also explained that our two primary revenue streams are memberships and conference registrations, and that the Board had approved creation of a Fundraising Committee in order to develop additional revenue sources.

3. Unfinished Business/New Business

There was no unfinished business or new business.

4. President's Report

President Gene Coppola stated that the new Board will take over following the ALA Conference in Orlando in June. He noted a number of 'bucket list' items have been identified to be addressed during this time frame.

- He expressed appreciation to Charlie Parker for his advocacy efforts and to Susan Dillinger for her work on the Public Library Outcomes and Standards manual. Karen Kaufmann was recognized for her excellent work with the FLA Marketing Committee.
Other highlights of the year included:
- FLA sent a letter protesting action of the Collier County Public Library System for their ban of four award-winning books and also to the Seminole County Public Library System for also banning an award-winning book. These books were read aloud at the conference.
- FLA Leadership was recognized: the Board; incoming FLA President Elana Karshmer, Committee Chairs and Member Group leaders.
- The Scholarship Committee raised over \$5600.00 last evening

5. Awards

Amelia Anderson, Chair of the Awards Committee presented the remaining awards.

They are:

- Best Booth: Book Farm
- Betty Davis Miller Award for Children: Alachua County Library District
- Betty Davis Miller Award for Teens: Manatee County Public Library System
- Friends, Foundations and Boards Outstanding Member: Doris Pope, Rocky Bluff Library
- FLA Leader of the Year: Caroline Reed

- FLA Library of the Year: Manatee County Public Library System
- Lifetime Achievement: Kevin Beach, Manatee County Public Library System
- Librarian of the Year: David Mather, Gulfport Public Library

6. Concluding business

The 2016-17 Executive Board was introduced, and the gavel was symbolically passed to Elana Karshmer for her 2016-17 term of office to commence in June.

Elana has selected as the 2017 conference theme: 'Florida Libraries: Essential to Education'. Our 'One Book, One State' selection is *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston, published in 1937, and celebrating its 80th anniversary of publication.

The 2017 FLA conference will take place in May at the Caribe Royal Hotel.

7. Adjournment

The Business Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy L. Nuhn

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