

CALA Minutes
August 19, 2009
Columbus Public Library – Synovus Meeting Room

Sherrie Floyd (President) called the first general meeting of the new fiscal year to order at 6:35 p.m. Fourteen members were present. Carole Burke thanked Sherrie for the ‘chocolate’ and other wonderful goodies Sherrie provided.

Old Business:

Minutes: Members voted to accept the Minutes of the last meeting as posted on the Listserv.

Treasury: Linda Jones reported \$931.73 in the Treasury. With the membership year just starting (July 1st to June 30th), she reported collecting ‘quite a bit tonight’. Linda said that the CALA P.O. Box is checked regularly.

New Officers: Sherrie Floyd introduced herself as the new CALA President, and:

Mike Shadix	Vice-President
Silvia Bunn	Secretary
Linda Jones	Treasurer

Sherrie thanked Linda for developing/updating CALA membership and registration forms.

Committees: Those present agreed to serve. Others were drafted with a ‘yes’ anticipated:

CALA’s 25th Anniversary: Erma Banks, Chair (present). Members: Alice McCown, Callie McGinnis and Gary McCullough – (present). Sharon Self and Sonya Boyd - (absent)

Program: Mike Shadix, Chair. Members: Nancy Wahlstrom - (present). Ericka Loze-Hudson, (absent).

Membership: Carol Burke, Chair. Members: Silvia Bunn and Michelle Jones – (all present.)

Publicity/Newsletter: Charle-Tarver Menefee, Chair. Members: Wanda Edwards - (absent), Robin Shader - (present).

Libra: Linda Jones, Chair; Members: Stephanie Middleton and Mike Shadix – (all present).

Nominating: Camille Walkinshaw, Chair. Members: Nancy Wahlstrom, Callie McGinnis (all present).

COMO – (Conference of Media Organizations):

Sherrie reported that CALA will host a table in the Registration area, during COMO (October 7-9, 2009) to be held at the Columbus Convention & Trade Center. CALA members will be needed

to 'work' 2 hour shifts on Wednesday, October 7th, (all day) and on Thursday, October 8th (morning only.) **Members who would like to volunteer to help staff the table please contact Sherrie.**

Stephanie Middleton received huge appreciation for creating cool CALA & special CALA 25th Anniversary logos. In separate proposals and motions, members voted to: (1) accept and use the new logos at COMO. (2) authorize a \$20.00 - \$25.00 allowance for 'candy' for the Table. (3) Put the CALA Scrapbook on display. (4) Provide pencils, buttons, CALA membership info, brochures from the Visitor's Center, restaurant guides, etc., as complimentary items for the table. Sherrie asked Stephanie to be in charge of details for the Table. Most members felt that CALA could offer, via the GLA Listserv, an invitation to accompany out of town COMO participants to dinner. More information about the COMO/CALA dinner will be posted as details are confirmed.

Callie McGinnis suggested that CALA donate a basket to the GLA Hubbard Scholarship Raffle. She moved that it be funded from the CALA treasury. Members voted \$50.00 for a basket that emphasized Columbus: *Tom's peanuts, Moon Pies, RC Cola, books by local/regional authors, Columbus & The Valley Magazine*, etc. Robin Shader volunteered to collect donated items; donation point is the Receptionist on the 3rd floor of the Columbus Public Library. Robin will secure the items until they can be picked up for the basket(s) to be arranged.

Callie also reported on 2 contemplated bus Tours for Wednesday Oct 7th. The tours (one to cover local Museums, the other, local Libraries) would begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at about 3:00 p.m. The library tour would end with cookies and punch at the new Mildred L. Terry Library. Members voted to allow \$30.00 to 50.00 to sponsor the refreshments should the tours happen.

CALA's 25th Anniversary Celebration:

Sherrie Floyd informed members of an idea from the Executive Committee's meeting: the establishment of a \$250.00 annual Scholarship to be awarded to a student attending library school. Robin Shader made a motion to accept and Erma Banks seconded. CALA's 25th Anniversary Award Committee will establish eligibility and award guidelines to be announced at the 2010 Libra Award Ceremony. Scholarship will be awarded beginning with the fall semester, 2010.

New Business:

Carole Burke proposed amending Article IV Section I of the current by-laws to read "*officers ... shall serve one year starting at July 1, ...*" This revision will clarify that **while the election of new officers occurs at the Spring meeting, new officers remain officers-elect until July 1st** when the new fiscal year begins. This proposal will be voted on at the next meeting.

Silvia Bunn and Erma Banks won neat door prizes at the end of the meeting!
The meeting adjourned around 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Silvia M. Bunn