

# GNO/CLA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, January 15, 2022

In Attendance: Elisa Huber, Ann Schmitt, Terry Young, & Tihana Zschiesche

1. **Welcome!** (Elisa)
2. **Treasurer's Report** (Tihana) No change - approximately \$7,000 (just less than)
3. **Constitutional Changes Mailout**
  - Include explanation letter and SASE with ballot inside (Elisa is printing 30 letters, 30 ballots, and 30 mailing labels and bringing all envelopes - 30 small inner and 30 large outer - and 60 stamps; Terry is bringing 60 return mailing labels)
4. **Next Meeting Date**
  - Saturday, March 5th, 10:00am at St. Benilde School Terry will not be available to attend
  - We will tabulate ballot counts for the constitutional change, and create a draft letter and ballot for Secretary and Treasurer elections; hopefully someone expresses interest in VP role, too. Elisa will create a cover letter, basic ballot, get postage & envelopes ready before our next meeting so we can simply add any nominees, print, and stuff letters on March 5th. If we do not get any nominees, we will regroup and forego the ballot mailout
  - Begin discussion of next Fall's Conference - bring your ideas! At the next meeting

- We (Elisa) will email the members next week to make them aware that the constitutional change ballots went out in the mail and to be on the lookout. Also will make the ask for volunteers for the VP, Secretary, & Treasurer roles, to put their names forth for the voting ballots to go out on March 5th. We are asking for responses from members by February 20th.
- We discussed the lack of interest to date for volunteers and what that could mean for the future of GNO/CLA.
- Tihana suggested Elisa reach out to Lovie Jean Geraci at St. Angela Merici for the secretarial role.
- Ann & Terry suggested that Elisa reach out to Dr. Mark Williams, Associate Superintendent of Secondary Schools (O:504.861.6232; [mwilliams@arch-no.org](mailto:mwilliams@arch-no.org)) about:
  - 1) Getting a GNO/CLA shout-out in the Principals' Newsletter, highlighting our need for Archdiocesan school librarians to join and participate in the 60 year tradition of our Catholic School Library community
  - 2) Getting a contact list of all Archdiocesan School Librarians
  - 3) Reminding him we are available for any Arch. sponsored PD; our members could speak to teachers & administrators on 'Best Books' or other book/library-related topics
  - 4) Ask what is going to happen to the library collections at the 3 schools that will be closing at the end of this school year (St. Mary Magdalen, St. Rita, and St. Rosalie); can GNO/CLA help in any way?

- Terry also suggested that Elisa reach out to Lindsey with Mackin to see if he could send his school librarian contact list for the GNO area (including Orleans, Jefferson, St. Tammany, St. Bernard & St. John the Baptist parishes)