

Minutes from the GNO/CLA Executive Board Meeting January 14, 2021 4:00 PM  
Archbishop Chapelle High School Library  
Tentative Agenda

*In attendance: Terry Young, Elisa Huber, Tihana Zchiesche, Sylvia Schild*

1. Membership renewal and new members. Mailing renewal and new member forms. Approximately 200 letters. Postage and envelopes. Email and phone call follow up...results disappointing. Membership update/numbers: Tihana *185 letters mailed yielded 28 memberships total; Archdiocese office provided updated librarian list in area Catholic schools; all are encouraged to contact potential members to join Today, 2/4/21, membership is now 34*
2. Special guest: Dr. Mark Williams, Associate Superintendent of Secondary Schools would like to attend the meeting just to introduce himself and make sure they are included in some things from the Department of Catholic Education and Faith Formation. [*Thank you for all the information about the upcoming meeting. Dr. Williams has fallen ill(non covid related) and will not be able to attend the meeting. I think he wanted to attend just to say that we're here to assist in anyway and offer support from our office*] *Nicole sent apologies, ask Dr. Williams office to email school principals encouraging GNO/CLA membership and advantages of joining. Encourage schools to cover membership cost. – NOTE: I'll ask Dr. Williams to introduce himself at the April 10<sup>th</sup> function.*
3. Donation of Raymond Arroyo books (approximately 45) to Melba's Literacy Program. Books to be identified as *"Donated by the Greater New Orleans Chapter of the Catholic Library Association to Melba's Poboys to strengthen literacy in the New Orleans area."* Melba's can make arrangements with Raymond for autographing and distribution. Are we ready to print donation labels? Decide on exact wording. *add support literacy? Inscription approved,*
4. Website – keeping current with all information, especially upcoming events/conference
  - a. Scholarship information; election for Vice-President for spring 2021 – nominations; webpage for current info, events, etc.; download registration information; Covid-19 resources have been added to webpage. *No scholarship applications received. Should Father Gordon Hughes Memorial Scholarship name be changed in honor of Pat Austin as she retires? NOTE: Executive Board to make the name change.*
5. Newsletter – The next newsletter will be this month.
6. Historian and archives, no response from latest newsletter. Will continue to advertise/post.
7. Treasurer's report: Tihana *Current balance: \$7428.55*
8. Librarians in the archdiocese – received updated list from Nicole Jefferson. *Again, contact librarians and encourage membership and participation in organization.*
9. Spring 2021 mini conference day: Terry contacted Pat Austin for possible Saturdays, April 3<sup>rd</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup>. This will be a member only event. No charge. Tentative time will be 9-12:00 Noon, light lunch served (possible breakfast..Tihana will present. Pat Austin retired from UNO in August. This will also be her retirement celebration.
  - 9:00 - 9:15 sign in
  - 9:15 - 9:30 GNO/CLA business meeting and election
  - 9:30 - 11:00 Pat Austin presents *\$200.00 honorarium*
  - 11:00 - 12:00 lunch on GNO/CLA

*April 3 not viable date as is Holy Saturday before Easter, April 10<sup>th</sup> is the date. maybe May 1 as a choice, complementary continental breakfast, lunch out for those interested after session perhaps nearby Mexican restaurant*

10. 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/Fall Conference update – *Elisa Start planning by selecting date; maybe October or November, Depends on COVID restrictions at the time - look for site large enough to accommodate members, vendors, eating area, etc. someone may volunteer - Brother Martin? Mary, Queen of Peace? Or other northshore location. Since library conferences are virtual this year, hope for large turnout. Also, begin considering who might want to be officer in GNOCLA next year.*
11. New Business *Tihana: National CLA membership dues paid from treasury; all work to increase local membership*
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