

NJLA Sustainability and Resiliency Section Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2024

Meeting Link: <https://meet.google.com/ttm-jzwh-jxi>

Attendance: Marissa Lieberman, Mary Catherine Sudiak, Lauren Antolino, Larissa Brookes, Cara Berg

Meeting began at 2:04. It was noted that we do not have a quorum but we will continue to have a conversation.

Mary announced that the Cranford Public Library Board voted to go through the Sustainable Libraries certification program. Mary shared that Union Public Library is the only other NJ library listed on the site that is going for the certification. **

We talked about how to get more members and how to increase our attendance from our membership at meetings. Maybe creating a Google Docs to see if we ask people for the best times/days. Cara offered to reach out to see if other NJLA sections are seeing similar things. We talked about the meeting schedule going forward and different options. Larissa shared that we have about 50 people on our section e-list.

One option is to switch to monthly e-board meetings and have regular quarterly membership meetings rather than monthly. We will look into our bylaws and NJLA bylaws.

Mary mentioned the Head of the Trustee Association, and the Cranford Public Library Board President, stepped down from both positions. We had been looking into meeting with them to talk about sustainability.

Cara will keep us posted at the next NJLA meeting as to how we can connect with the Trustee group and who may be in charge now. Cara talked about CUS (the academic wing of NJLA) and how that works.

Cara mentioned CUS has worked with Mentor NJ through Darby at LLNJ.
Marissa mentioned talking to Stephanie about doing a LLNJ Skill Share regarding Sustainable Libraries or other sustainable topics.

Larissa submitted a Seed Library proposal to NJLA.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.

Submitted by

Marissa Lieberman

NJLA SRS Secretary

***"After this meeting, Larissa checked the SLI website and saw that Maplewood Memorial Public Library is listed as an SLI member."*