

NJLA Sustainability & Resilience Section Meeting & By-Laws Vote
6/8/23

Present: Marissa Lieberman, Mary Catherine Sudiak, Lauren Antolino, Larissa Brookes, Stacey Shapiro, Lizzie Latham, Shannon Danz, Lisa O'Shaughnessy, Debra Sarr, Emily Abramenko

Meeting called to order at 2:05pm after establishing a quorum

- We will be using Robert's Rules
- Motion to approve last month's meeting by Larissa; seconded by Marissa. Approved by 7 of the membership. (Shannon is new to our committee and abstained since she was not at our last meeting Debra & Emily arrived after the vote to approve last month's minutes).

By-Laws

- Approval to amend with addition that we will be using Robert's Rules. "Parliamentary Authority" wording from the NJLA website added in. Larissa shared her screen to show addition.
- Larissa asked for a motion to approve bi-laws. Lisa called the motion. Seconded by Shannon.
- Vote to approve bi-laws. Yes by all in attendance: 10 people! (We are official!)
- Minutes and bi-laws will be in our Google Section. Larissa will be in contact with the person from NJLA about getting our section listed on the NJLA website.

Meetings

- Larissa suggested monthly meetings on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 2pm. We will meet in July, since we are just getting started, and then take August off as most sections do take the Summer months off. Starting in September, we will go back to every month and re-evaluate for next Summer.
- We will send out an email reminder before each meeting.

Activities for the Section

- Last month, Michele mentioned a Sustainable Summit taking place on November 8. Larissa will get more information, but might be something that the Section can be involved with.
- Last month, we talked about writing articles in the NJLA newsletter, including the idea of preparing for Fall/Winter storms and other issues specific to libraries. Possibility of programs to offer community, how libraries can prepare themselves (ie: charging stations/warming centers) and/or inform people of what is going on.
- Shannon mentioned her library is a warming center. They participate in "Cold Blue." She said she can ask around Camden County about forwarding more info to Larissa.

- Lisa said she would do some research about what programs Union and Essex Counties are offering about getting your home or library ready (ex: the State or PSEG) and can put together a list for upcoming meetings.
- Larissa mentioned a program idea of what goes into your emergency or “to-go” kit.
- Mary mentioned the American Red Cross and FEMA have some information out there.
- Lisa mentioned there was a program that came through Comic Con about preparedness but with the Zombie Apocalypse.
- Discussion of a program or an article about preparedness or to-go bags for the newsletter.
- Lisa mentioned the article could be about how to run a program for your community. Larissa said she will work on that.
- Emily mentioned that the woman from FEMA at the conference panel talked about videos that she has available about different disasters that can be used for community outreach, programs or posting. Could be specific for each area.
- Larissa mentioned last meeting Michele mentioned a contribution can be about micro certification, the smaller steps that libraries can do. Larissa asked if anyone was interested in putting an article together on this topic.

Conference

- Last meeting, Lizzie brought up about hosting a prize swap from the SRS Committee. Larissa brought up the idea of doing it at a certain time, during a panel block, where people can show up at that time to swap.
- Suggestion of “Brown Bag Swag Swap” during one of the brown bag lunches as a great time slot and title.
- Larissa will mention it to the conference committee. We can also put it in as a panel.

Logo

- Tabled for now, as we decide if we want a logo or not.

Database of Speakers

- Lauren mentioned at the last meeting about a database of programs/speakers on sustainability, similar to what the Summer Reading Committee does for programmers.
- Mary spoke to the person in charge of the Rutgers Environmental Stewards program about seeing if they have an intern who might want to be involved in this.
- Larissa brought up the idea of writing up an article about what the Environmental Stewardship is.
- Lauren has a lot of programmers from the Native Seed Library at Cranford that she can add to the list.
- Emily mentioned the Master Gardener program as an addition.
- Mary mentioned the County has watershed ambassadors.
- Debra mentioned a broad database with sections, including authors.
- Shannon mentioned a group, the Camden County Certified Gardeners about doing programs across the state njgarden@camdencounty.com

- Lizzie mentioned the grant that focuses on abatement/clean communities. Lizzie brought up the 2017 list that includes 20-30 performers that have something to do with keeping your community clean. Lizzie sent the link for njclean.org
- Larissa brought up an idea of another resource we could compile about sustainability related grants. Larissa will start a spreadsheet.
- Mary talked about a contact from Sustainable Jersey who is the Board President of Perth Amboy. Her name is Rosalie Morillo.

Future Meetings

- We will switch to Google Meets going forward
- Reminder to please join the Memberclicks listserv to get notified of meetings, etc.
- Next meeting is planned for July 13 at 2pm. Meeting link will be sent out, along with minutes and agenda. Larissa will make sure it's on the NJLA Website and Calendar.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50pm

-Submitted by
Marissa Lieberman
Secretary