



Illinois Heartland Library System

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## ADVOCACY & EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

December 9, 2019 – 5:00 p.m.

(via phone, Zoom, and at the office listed below)

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/970443308>

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Office location: 6725 Goshen Road, Edwardsville, IL 62025

### Call to Order

Melanie Weigel called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

### Roll Call

*Members present:* Janet Jenkins, Susan Pennington, Mary Smith, Melanie Weigel (exited 4:32 pm, re-entered 4:37 pm)

*Absent Excused:* Josh Short

*Others present:* Stacie Bushong, Ellen Popit

### Public Comment

None

### Approval of Minutes

Susan Pennington motioned to approve the October 10, 2019 minutes. Mary Smith seconded. Motion carried.

### Unfinished Business

#### Fall Conferences Update

Ellen Popit reported the conference set-up was different from before and the IHLS got less foot traffic than in the past. The four staff who attended and manned the booth did see many IHLS members.

#### Aisle Update

Melanie Weigel shared that she had a very positive experience at the Association of School Library Educators (AISLE) conference and felt like she had a lot in common with other attendees. Ellen Popit shared that last year they asked for a system liaison from each system to sit on their board and she volunteered. She will touch base with their board to see if this is something they would like to continue.

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## **New Business**

### Member Day School Library

Ellen Popit reported 28 school libraries were registered. Overall registration was up by approximately 50 people. There were 6 professional development hour sessions offered. The post event survey revealed school library attendees were very happy with the increased offerings for schools. Janet Jenkins shared that she and her peers greatly enjoyed the day. She signed up her mother for Talking Books and it has proved an excellent service.

### Other Advocacy Opportunities

Ellen Popit mentioned that the librarian from Marion High School starting a southern Illinois AISLE chapter. Janet Jenkins asked if IHLS had a presence at the Illinois Principal's Association conference and Ellen replied we did not. She encouraged members to let staff know of possible opportunities and we can send someone to represent IHLS and share the benefits of membership.

## **Public Comment**

None

## **Announcements**

The next meeting is January 14, 4:30 p.m.

## **Adjournment**

Mary Smith motioned to adjourn. Susan Pennington seconded. Motion carried. Adjourned 5:05 p.m.