



ADVOCACY & EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 8, 2020

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Josh Short called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present: Janet Jenkins, Lupe Mejia, Jill Shelton, Josh Short

Members absent excused: Zach Newell, Tammy Krouse

Others present: Stacie Bushong, Ellen Popit

Public Comment

None

Approval of February 11, 2020 Minutes

Lupe Mejia motioned to approve the February 11, 2020 minutes. Janet Jenkins seconded. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Review of Past Activity

Ellen Popit reported the success of the Legislative Meet-Ups and staff participation in the Illinois Library Association (ILA) Small and Rural Libraries Forum.

New Business

Current Status of Outreach Activities

Staff are participating in the AISLE Cooperative Advocacy Committee and hope to bring some of that expertise to IHLS Members. Also, staff have been working on the accuracy of information in L2 to better communicate with school library staff members and administrators. It will be a good platform for other Advocacy activities. Ellen serves as the system liaison to the AISLE board and the Illinois Library Association (ILA) Public Policy Committee.

Directions for FY2021

Ellen shared that for now, the direction of the committee is to stay the course.

IMAGINING TOMORROW ~ DELIVERING POSSIBILITIES TODAY!

Upcoming Opportunities

IHLS hopes to schedule a virtual school library town hall in the upcoming weeks and to revitalize the listserv for school library staff members. Shandi Greve Penrod is working to create space on our website dedicated for school library issues.

The Illinois Library Association (ILA) Public Policy Committee is looking at House Joint Resolution 009 (Media Literacy Task Force) and would like to see this reintroduced and include a school librarian. In addition, House Bill 1559 Media Literacy Curriculum (amends the school Code to include media literacy).

Library Advocacy and Fundraising Conference

Ellen shared that Stacey Carter, Josh Short, and several IHLS staff members will be attending this conference.

Public Comment

None

Announcements

The next meeting is October 13th.

Adjournment

Jill Shelton motioned to adjourn. Janet Jenkins seconded. Motion carried. Adjourned at 5:36 p.m.