**IFRT Executive Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday, May 24, 2023**

11:30pm-1pm AKT; 12:30pm-2pm PST; 1:30pm-3pm MST; 2:30pm-4pm CST; 3:30pm-5pm EST

Zoom

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:**

Steph Barnaby, Michael Blackwell, Peter Coyl, Rita Ennen, Johannah Genett, Karen Gianni, Betsy Gomez, Wanda Huffaker, Sam Jack, Ray James, Rebecca Moorman, Steve Norman, Angela Ocana, Kristen Pekoll, Deb Sica, Jennifer Steele, Amanda Vazquez

1. **CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:**

Ocana called the meeting to order at 1:34 pm CDT. A quorum was established.

1. **INTRODUCTIONS**

Members introduced themselves and noted their positions in Zoom chat.

1. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Blackwell moved to approve the agenda. Moorman seconded. The motion carried and was passed with no objections.

1. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

IFRT Executive Committee Minutes – [April 26, 2023](https://connect.ala.org/HigherLogic/System/DownloadDocumentFile.ashx?DocumentFileKey=86e610f1-76dc-23b0-fecc-a7e2ca8e68c0&forceDialog=1). Huffaker moved to accept the minutes. Norman seconded. The motion carried and was approved with no objections.

1. **EMERGING LEADERS FUNDING REQUEST**

Vazquez brings forward a request for $50 to fund button supplies for the Emerging Leaders. Vazquez moved to fund the button supplies for the Emerging Leaders not to exceed $75. Steele seconded. Motion carried and was approved by consent.

1. **50th ANNIVERSARY RESOLUTION**

Coyl presented the draft resolution that will go to the ALA Council for approval. Thanks to Vazquez for assistance with wording.

1. **REPORT OF OFFICER**
   1. Chair: Angela Ocana
      1. United Against Book Bans event with Intellectual Freedom Awards presentations will be on Thursday at 6pm at the Hilton Chicago.
      2. Baseball game fundraiser for Merritt Fund is Friday.
      3. 50th Anniversary Party on Saturday from 6-8 at Pizanos by McCormick.
      4. Executive Committee meeting is Sunday at 1pm.
      5. Rally for the Right to Read will be held in the Exhibits Hall.
   2. Chair-Elect: Amanda Vazquez
      1. Recruiting chairs for committees for next year.
   3. Treasurer: Jennifer Steele
      1. No report.
   4. Director at Large: Michael Blackwell
      1. Blackwell shared that another nationwide Books Unbanned project will likely be announced at ALA. Stay tuned!
      2. Remember that Ebook Friday is before conference.
   5. Director at Large: Rebecca Moorman
      1. 70 tickets sold to date for the Merritt Fund baseball fundraiser. On track to have raised at least $500.
   6. Secretary: Rita Ennen
      1. Nothing to report.
2. **REPORT FROM COUNCILOR:** Peter Coyl
   1. The 50th anniversary resolution has been submitted. Resolutions are typically acted upon at Council session 3.
3. **REPORT FROM OFFICE FOR INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM:**  Betsy Gomez
   1. Office has been very busy dealing with policy challenges and legislative issues.
   2. With office staff officially on board, Eric Stroshane will be handling library outreach and Betsy Gomez will manage community outreach via United for Book Bans.
   3. Review of applications for deputy director is underway.
4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
   1. Bylaws Committee: Steve Norman
      1. No report. Working on the annual report.
   2. Coalition Building Committee: Ray James
      1. The Hodges Award will be presented to the Michigan Library Association.
      2. New library standards for services to the incarcerated and detained will be presented at annual.
   3. Imroth Committee: Wanda Huffaker
      1. Downs award reception will be on Saturday of conference.
   4. Merritt Fund Support Committee: Deb Sica
      1. Read-a-thon fundraiser will benefit the Merritt Fund.
   5. Programming and Events Committee: Johannah Genett
      1. Report on the year with recommendations for next year has been prepared.
   6. Publications and Communications Committee: Sam Jack
      1. Shared Google doc for submitting annual reports.
      2. Asked that pictures from annual be shared with the publications committee.
5. **Liaison Updates**
   1. Privacy subcommittee has put together an agenda of all intellectual freedom activities at annual.
6. **ADJOURNMENT**
   1. Barnaby moved to adjourn. Ocana adjourned the meeting at 3:28 pm CDT.