Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Christine Poser.

**Present:** Michael Clark, Margaret Dennehy, Michael Dodes, Leanne Ellis, Damary Gonzales, Nate Hill, Melissa Jacobs, Jillian Lazaridis, Alison Lehner-Quam, Bernardine Lowery Crute, Amy Mikel, Christine Poser, Patricia Sarles, Lynne Kresta Smith, Amie Wright

**News and Updates:** Melissa reported that Fall Conference registrations for both attendees and exhibitors was gaining momentum. The keynote speaker is Sandra Hughes-Hassell, Ph.D., a professor in the School of Information and Library Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Dr. Hughes-Hassell will also present a concurrent session entitled *Bringing your Students’ Cultures into Instruction in Meaningful Ways.*

**Award winning authors** presenting or signing will include Christina Baker Kline, Kenneth C. Davis, David Barclay Moore, Corey Silverberg, and Andrew Aydin. Their books will be available to purchase at the conference book store.

The *LGBTQ and You* panel will be moderated by Patricia Sarles. Panelists include Jared Fox, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Community Liaison from the NYC Department of Education; NYC school librarian Andrea Swenson who maintains the LGBTQ Studies CCD collection; and authors David Barclay Moore and Cory Silverberg. The session will focus on how to deal with challenges when providing students with LGBTQ themed library material, yet at the same time protecting their privacy.

Closing speaker will be National Book Award Nominee, Rita Williams-Garcia. All attendees will receive a copy of her book, *Clayton Byrd Goes Underground.* Ms. Williams-Garcia will be signing the book after her presentation.

**NYCSLS hiring and transitions:** The coordinator position previously held by Melissa Jacobs, Director of NYCSLS has been posted. As this position covers North Brooklyn, it may be difficult to fill because the seat is on Staten Island.

NYCSLS has been interviewing applicants for a newly created consultant position. The appointee will assume responsibility for the MyLibraryNYC program.
New Position: Lois’ secretarial position, will now become Educational Analyst. A possible applicant has an MBA and a lot of experience, which the position needs, as duties will include event planning such as NYCSLS conferences and professional development.

MyLibraryNYC: Currently there are 483 schools enrolled in the program. Margaret asked if non-public schools would be invited to participate in MyLibraryNYC. Melissa advised that there would be a new contract in January, at which point they will look at the feasibility of including non-public schools. In the interim they will examine the program in detail to determine what needs to be done to make it even more effective.

CCD: There are plans to add two new collections. In addition, NYCSLS hopes to breathe life into it by having an open house, class visits and/or PD for librarians. They are looking into the possibility of linking library cards so that books can be checked out by other librarians. The $500 allocated for CCD Collections will need to be spent by the end of the year.

Metro Tour: Melissa thanked Nate for hosting the first Council meeting. NYCSLS looks forward to working with Metro, a partnership whereby they learn from each other

Prior to touring the new facilities Nate gave a short introduction and invited both public and school librarians to give PD in their space. Presenters would be paid $100.00. Currently Metro has an Open Studio Night once a month. Of special interest was the Podcast studio and the Digital transfer equipment. Though the space was planned for adults, they hoped to implement a program whereby they would offer a paid internship to High School Students. Metro’s hours of operation were flexible. If necessary, they are prepared to hold after hours workshops.

2017-2018 Innovation Grant: Melissa announced that the Innovation Grant will be a Mobile Makerspace Kit for elementary and middle school libraries. It will offer high quality examples of hands-on learning, creativity, and promote critical thinking. This customized makerspace kit from Demco has a retail value of over $3,500. A draft version of the grant was distributed, council members were invited to add comments and/or suggestions.

NYC Reads. All promotional material has been purchased for the 2017/2018 NYC Reads Grant.

Reading in Action Grant: After a brief introduction the committee was divided into two groups K-8th grade and high school and asked to discuss how they would go about implementing the grant. Suggested topics were social justice, inclusion, perspective and Cyberbullying. In addition, committee members were asked to consider such things a school needs, PD, Collections (both E-books and print). Would they prefer class sets or smaller sets for discussion groups? Eligibility requirements were discussed, including the importance of administrative support. There will be a training day for the 20 schools selected. K-8 came up with a number of titles that could be included, i.e., “Queen of the Toilet Bowl”, “Wonder”, etc.”

Annual Report: Melissa advised that the Annual Report was submitted in a timely manner.
DOE School Library Liaisons. NYCSLS staff have met with the newly assigned Field Support Center Library Liaisons. Though still in its infancy, this would result in a powerful partnership between the DOE and school libraries. During meetings NYCSLS will have the opportunity to showcase the wonderful programs that are ongoing in our school libraries. One suggestion was to inform the Liaison Committee members of any special event or program happening, and to invite them to visit the school libraries where these events were taking place.

The 2018/2019 Directory Survey will be sent out shortly.

Other Business: Amie Wright announced that Andrew Aydin, the co–author (along with Congressman John Lewis), of the March Trilogy will be at the fall conference signing copies of the book March.

Committee Member News

- Sally Young announced she was retiring in January 2018. The Committee hoped that she would continue to bring her expertise to NYCSLS and the library community in New York.
- Amie Wright, announced she was no longer able to serve on the Advisory Council as she was leaving New York and moving back to Canada.

Future Meetings

Thursday, December 14, 2017 – 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (Location TBD)
Thursday, February 8, 2018 – (virtual meeting: time to be determined)
Tuesday, April 24, 2018 – 9:00- 3:00 p.m. (Washington Heights office)

Margaret made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Sally.