**NJLA Intellectual Freedom Subcommittee Minutes**

**Thursday, November 2, 2023**

**Attendee:** Chip McAuley, Eileen Palmer, Emily Mazzoni, Judith Pissano,

**Old Business**: New chair, Chip McAuley.

**Approve May meeting Minutes**: Judith approved, Chip second.

**Conference Proposal:** partner with Darby Malvey, LibraryLink NJ and Amy Penwell RRT. Title: Speaking your piece. Keys to impactful statements at School Board Meetings, Library Board Meetings etc.

**Book Challenge updates**: Sexuality and Gender material Franklin Township, NJ library, Director Natalie Niziolek. Concerns raised during open meeting. Utilizing collection development policy. Several libraries reported challenges – Westwood Middle School, South Brunswick Public Library and Cedar Grove Public Lib

**Meeting Room Policy update**: policy was completed and approved by Carina Gonzalez and Brett Bonfield. Judith indicated that the policy was added to the IF portion of the website. Eileen indicated that it should be approved by the Executive Board. Chip followed up and Brett said the policy was good to go.

**ALA One Click Politics update**: Eileen Palmer indicated that ALA provides training in One Click Politics. She/Chip will check with Public Policy Committee.

**Amistad Commission update**: Judith indicated she does not have updated information. NJASL and Public Policy have been discussing it. Emily provided the link: <https://www.nj.gov/education/amistad/>

**New Business:**

**Anti-Book Banning Working Group**: NJASL taking the lead on legislation with Senator Andrew Zwicker. NJLA working group met and reviewed the proposed law. Eileen – NJLA is behind on this issue. The group submitted their suggestions. It was brought to the team’s attention that Public Policy had already met with Senator Zwicker. Jennie Pu is the lead Chip/Eileen will contact Public Policy.

**Intellectual Freedom Award**: the subcommittee has full discretion on the nomination. The subcommittee will submit their choice to Honors & Awards.

**New Business: Book Sanctuary** – several towns have signed on as a book sanctuary. Jennie Pu is willing to assist libraries that want to participate.

**Eileen Palmer:** suggested joining NJLA Facebook Group. Private group and will need to be approved.