

TEAMWORK

NEWSLETTER OF THE SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA THEOLOGICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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Mark Your Calendars!

Spring Meeting
May 16, 2007
Tote Bag Stuffing
for the ATLA
Conference @
Biblical Theological
Seminary
Hatfield, PA

2007 ATLA Annual
Conference
Hosted by SEPTLA!!
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SEPTLA Winter Meeting at Lutheran Theological Seminary Philadelphia

The winter 2007 meeting of SEPTLA will be held on Thursday, February 15, 2007 in the Brossman Learning Center at Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia. Refreshments will be served at 9:00 AM in the Museum (Room 103) of the Brossman Learning Center.

The ATLA Annual Conference is just four months away and there is much to do. The business meeting will focus on the progress made and what needs to be accomplished. A presentation by Justin Clarke of Harrasowitz and a tour of the recently renovated Archive and Compact Storage are highlights for the afternoon.

Directions to Lutheran: <http://www.ltsp.edu/campus/directions.htm>



Lutheran's new compact shelving

Agenda:

Unless otherwise noted, sessions take place in Brossman Learning Center

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| 9:00 – 9:30 | Refreshments – Museum, Room 306 |
| 9:30-10:30 | Interest Groups |
| | 1. Catalogers – Room 319 |
| | • Topic: “What is going on at the Library of Congress”
— See details on page 3 under Item II of the
“Executive Committee Minutes” |
| | 2. Systems/Technology – Room 320 |
| | • Topic: Jeff Broderick will be presenting his research and
development of his new web site on American Clergy. |
| 10:30-12:00 | Business Meeting – Hagan Hall, Ampitheater |
| 12:00-1:00 | Lunch – Benbow Hall A |
| 1:00-2:00 | Afternoon Session — Room 301
Justin Clarke, Harrasowitz |
| 2:00-3:00 | Tour of the Archive and Compact Storage Facility |

President's Message

This winter meeting at Lutheran will be a full one! The Cataloger's Interest Group is continuing to address the revolution that is taking place in cataloging protocol and cataloging software as they address the literary discussion, "What is going on at the Library of Congress?" The I.T. Interest Group will be highlighting Jeff Brodrick's new Website on the history of American Clergy. With the ATLA Conference approaching, the workload for the members of the Local Host Committee and Executive Committee has been steadily increasing over the last couple of months. With the Conference only five months away, more time and energy will be needed to complete the finishing touches. I encourage you to check out the [2007 ATLA Conference Website](#) to see the progress to date. We should be proud of how many SEPTLA members have been involved in the planning process to date and I hope that you will all be prepared to volunteer for the tasks that will be discussed during the business portion of the business meeting. In this case, the old adage is true, "many hands have made light work."

I think it is important to break from our daily tasks to contemplate the passing of our colleague, Dawn Proctor, who died on January 12, 2007. Dawn died within two months of the date that she was first diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer. I did not know Dawn very well and most of my interactions with her had to do with our Website because she was SEPTLA's Webmaster. A few things about her that impressed me were the fact that she was always friendly, conversations with her were pleasant, and she was so prompt to complete tasks and fulfill any requests for the Webmaster. Our colleagues at Lancaster Theological Seminary are grieving Dawn's death and are presently overwhelmed by her absence and I ask you to keep them in your prayers at this time.

Because Dawn died so suddenly, for the past couple of weeks, I have been contemplating a few scriptural passages. The first is James' discussion about how our life on earth is like a vapor and we truly do not know what tomorrow will bring (James 4:13-15). The second, which I think about regularly since becoming a librarian six years ago is Ecclesiastes 12:11-13. Here Kohelet's closing remarks are a reminder to us that while the collection of wisdom and knowledge are given by "one Shepherd," excessive devotion to books can be very wearying. In the end, our duty is to fear God and keep His commandments. Jesus so eloquently sums up the Law and the Prophets in Matthew 22:35-40, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind and you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

If we reflect on all of this, as we fulfill all of our roles in life, we need to continually focus on our love for and what should be total devotion to our heavenly Father and our neighbors. Since this is the SEPTLA newsletter :-), as theological librarians, it is important to remember that we are not only librarians but theological librarians and should always be asking ourselves, "How does what we are doing fit in to God's mission and purpose for His Kingdom and His creation?"

—Dan LaValla

Biblical Theological Seminary

MINUTES

SEPTLA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Biblical Theological Seminary

January 19, 2007

Attendees: Marsha Blake, Past president; Dan LaValla, President; Sandy Finlayson, Secretary; Jonathan Riches, Co-Chair of Catalogers Interest Group; Todd Wilmot, Chair of Continuing Education Committee, Karl Krueger, Local Host Planning Committee Representative

Absent: Debbie Stern, Treasurer; Gerald Lincoln, Chair of Reference Interest Group; Stephanie Kaceli, Editor of Teamwork; Jeff Brodrick, Chair of Information Technology Interest Group

I. Treasurer's Report:

- All dues invoices for 2006/07 were mailed in mid-November, 2006. One institution, St. Joseph's Seminary, notified me that they are no longer members. All but two of the others have paid.
- Bank account balances are as follows as of the end of 2006:
 - \$7557.80 in the Savings Account
 - \$2071.63 in the Checking Account
 - Two institutions still owe dues for this year.

II. Winter Meeting Agenda and Workshops

- The **Cataloger's Interest Group** will discuss the following three papers. If you plan on attending, please read the papers before the meeting to maximize the discussion.
 - "What is going on at the Library of Congress?" <http://www.guild2910.org/AFSCMEWhatIsGoingOn.pdf>
 - "More on what is going on at the Library of Congress?" <http://www.guild2910.org/AFSCMEMoreOnWhatIsGoingOn.pdf>
 - "An Open Reply to What is Going on at the Library of Congress? by Thomas Mann" By James Weinheimer Director of Library and Information Services American University of Rome http://eprints.rclis.org/archive/00006741/01/Response_to_Thomas_Mann.pdf
- At the **Information Technology Interest Group**, Jeff Broderick will be presenting his research and the development of his new web site on American Clergy.
- An extra 30 minutes will be given to the business meeting to discuss the ATLA Conference preparations.
- Justin Clarke from Harrasowitz will lead the afternoon session to demonstrate the capabilities of a new and improved Harrasowitz website: electronic claims for periodicals - consortium profiles for subscriptions / standing orders - ebooks - school profiles etc. This will be followed by a tour of the new Brossman Learning center, the Exhibition Hall, and our Lutheran Seminary's Compact Storage Facility.

III. ATLA Conference:

- Excursions for the Conference have been arranged and information is available online at: http://www.atla.com/member/conference/conf_2007/excursions.html
- Storage Concepts has been asked if they would sponsor the tote bags and they are currently checking with some of their associates about a joint venture to sponsor the bags. Final decisions on details such as style, size, color and logos will be made after sponsorship has been secured.
- Update on Reception
 - o While no contracts have yet been officially signed, updates were reported:
 - The Historical Society of Pennsylvania will be contracted for the facility.
 - The American Historical Theatre will provide period music during the reception.
 - o Menu: Executive Committee Recommends Contracting with the following:
 - Casual Caterers Taste of Philly for \$14.95/person menu which includes: Cheese Steaks, Roast Pork, Veggie Wraps, Soft Pretzels, Tastykake, Frank's Soda, Peanut Chews, Water Ice.
 - Due to cost and logistics, it is best if the Historical Society of Pennsylvania is contracted to provide the beer and wine.
 - At the winter meeting members will need to discuss the budget for the reception in greater detail and decide how much extra money will need to be appropriated. Marsha Blake, Dan LaValla, and Cait Kokolus will provide a more detailed report on the breakdown of costs and other caterers and menus that were considered. It is very apparent that the initial estimate of \$5,000 is too low with the actual cost coming in closer to \$7,500- \$8,000. Cait Kokolus is currently attempting to secure partial sponsorship to help offset the costs.
- Updates on the Banquet at St. Charles:
 - o Banquet contracts for facilities, entertainment and catering is in process. This is being coordinated by Cait Kokolus of St. Charles and Barbara Kemmis of ATLA.
- Future Items Needing Consideration at the winter meeting include (to place in tote bags and have at Local Host Table):
 - o Restaurant lists
 - o List of Taxis and fares,
 - o SEPTA schedules to hand out,
 - o Maps of Philadelphia.
 - o Vendor stuff for tote bags
 - o Volunteers needed to staff the local host table
 - o Volunteer hosts for informal dinners at local restaurants Thursday & Friday

IV. The Executive Committee is proposing a PARTY during the spring meeting to be held at Biblical Theological Seminary on May 16th. The objective of the spring meeting is to stuff the tote bags for the ATLA conference. The PARTY will be to celebrate much of the preparatory work of the ATLA conference and David McClain's retirement. The Executive Committee is proposing the cost of pizza, beverages, and retirement cake will be provided by SEPTLA.

V. Membership Updates and Miscellaneous Items:

- Stephanie Kaceli gave birth to a baby girl. Elizabeth Sophia Kaceli was born on Nov. 15, 2006. At birth, she weighed 8 lbs, 2 oz and was 20 inches long. A card signed by the Executive Committee with a Baby's-R-Us gift card was mailed to Stephanie.
- Dawn Proctor died on January 12, 2007 of an aggressive form of cancer. A sympathy card that was signed by the Executive Committee was mailed to the library staff at Lancaster Theological Seminary. At the winter meeting, we would like to discuss making a donation from SEPTLA to the Dawn Proctor Memorial Book Fund.
- Chris Beldan will serve as interim Webmaster for SEPTLA until this position can be permanently filled.
- At the winter meeting, we will need to discuss membership and staff updates for the SEPTLA Libraries Staff Directories page. With our organization hosting the conference, it is important that our staff listings be current.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan LaValla

Southeastern Pennsylvania Theological Library Association
Winter Meeting - February 15, 2007
Lutheran Theological Seminary - Philadelphia
Business Agenda - 10:30 to 12:00

I. Reports:

1. Secretary: Sandy Finlayson
2. Treasurer: Debbie Stern
3. Continuing Education Committee: Todd Wilmot
 - Future Afternoon Sessions – Requests from Within SEPTLA
4. Cataloger's Interest Group: Lois Reibach/Jonathan Riches
5. I.T. Interest Group: Jeff Brodrick
6. Reference Interest Group: Gerald Lincoln

II. New Business:

1. ATLA 2007 Conference Update
 - Update on Opening Reception:
 - o Menu
 - o Budget and membership vote on appropriating more money to cover expenses or change menu to reduce budget
 - o Future visit to HSP by local host team
 - Update on the Banquet at St. Charles
 - Update on Tote Bags
 - o Sponsorship
 - o Cost of bags
 - Update on Local Host Table
 - o Volunteers need to staff local Host Table at Conference
 - o "Uniform"/Public Identifiers of Local Host Members
 - Coordination of stuffers for tote bags and to have at Local Host Table:
 - o Restaurant lists
 - o List of Taxis and fares,
 - o SEPTA schedules to hand out
 - o Maps of Philadelphia
 - o Vendor stuff for tote bags
 - Volunteers needed to host informal dinners at local restaurants Thursday & Friday (alternatives to hosted excursions)
2. Membership Updates:
 - Donation to Dawn Proctor Memorial Fund and Lancaster Theological Seminary
 - Stephanie Kaceli
 - New Webmaster
 - Need to update information on SEPTLA Staff Directory Page
 - New look for SEPTLA Website?
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III. Next Meetings

1. Spring 2007: May 16, 2007 @ Biblical Theological Seminary
 - Pizza Party – Membership to vote on covering cost of Party
 - Stuffing Tote Bags
2. Fall 2006
Any volunteers to host the fall 2007 meeting?

IV. Institutional News

SEPTLA Spring Meeting
Thursday, May 18, 2006
Lancaster Theological Seminary

Attending

Jeff Brodrick David McClain	Baptist Bible College & Seminary
Daniel LaValla	Biblical Theological Seminary
George Coon	Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary
Terry Heisey	Evangelical School of Theology
Gerald Lincoln	Lancaster Bible College
Susann Posey	Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg
Lois Reibach	Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia
Bonnie Falla	Moravian Theological Seminary
Lyn Berg	New Brunswick Theological Seminary
Nancy Adams	Palmer Theological Seminary
Jim Humble Cait Kokolus Todd Wilmot	St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
Marsha Blake Sandy Finlayson Melvin R. Hartwick	Westminster Theological Seminary

Southeastern Pennsylvania Theological Library Association
Fall Meeting
October 18, 2006
Evangelical School of Theology
11:00-12:00
Business Meeting

Reports:

1. Secretary: Sandy Finlayson

Please email Institutional news to sfinlayson@wts.edu

2. Treasurer: Debbie Stern

Dan presented the treasurers report.

- Savings: 7,552.15
- Checking 1,004.43
- 5,000 is owed to ATLA for the ATLA conference
- Mid November SEPTLA membership emails will be coming out.

3. Continuing Education Committee: Todd Wilmot

- Continuing Education Committee is working on a copyright conference at a future meeting, probably spring 2008.
- February meeting at Lutheran will be a workshop on their Archives
- Spring meeting will involve preparation for the ATLA Conference.

4. Cataloger's Interest Group: Lois Reibach/Jonathan Riches

- Talked about LCs new Series Decision and proposed new rules for Bible Uniform Titles.

5. I.T. Interest Group: Jeff Brodrick

- ATLA Grant proposal will go on the SEPTLA website
- Jeff presented a tutorial creation software called "Wink".
- Jeff presented SeminaryLibrary.com which is the new LOGOS Library software website.
- Jeff led a discussion on using IPODS for library instruction.

6. Reference Interest Group: Gerald Lincoln

- Bonnie did a presentation on Information Literacy at Moravian Seminary
- Gerald talked about the assessment of information literacy programs
- Gerald also raised the issue of how Library School programs have not caught up with the issue of assessment.
- Gerald distributed a survey regarding Librarian Preparation for Teaching Information Literacy.

New Business:

1. ATLA 2007 Conference Update

- Local Host Committee Meeting – 1:00 – 3:00 PM October 25th @ St. Charles with Barbara Kemmis, Director of Member Services for ATLA
- Call for assistance to work with Stephanie Kaceli on Tote Bags/Name Badges

Nancy Adams and Todd Wilmot will take over work on the Tote Bags.

2. Continuing Education Committee needs fifth member

3. Future Afternoon Sessions – Requests from within SEPTLA

We should be encouraging people within our own institutions to provide leadership in giving presentations to the group.

Next Meetings

- Winter 2007: February 15, 2007 Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia
- Winter 2007: May 16, 2007 Biblical Seminary – Hatfield, PA

12:00 – 12:15 Institutional News

Dr. John Tornfelt, Dean of Evangelical School of Theology, welcomed the group and gave thanks before lunch.

Afternoon Session:

SEPTLA President, Dan LaValla, gave a presentation that discussed the dynamics of change within Higher Education. The presentation focused on the effects of such changes on academic libraries and what librarians can do to adapt and continue to impact their communities.

Institutional News

Baptist Bible College & Seminary:

Baptist Bible College and Seminary have added SeminaryLibrary.com to its line-up of on-line databases. The college President announced that the new Academic Dean, Dr. Jim Lytle, will be in place by January 1, 2007. The current dean will be assisting him and fill the Graduate Dean role. The President also announced that Joshua Michael will become the new Head Librarian effective June 1, 2007. The current Head Librarian, David McClain will begin as full-time cataloger and Jeff Brodrick will be Associate Director.

Biblical Theological Seminary:

Have been more changes at the Faculty level.

Still looking for two Old Testament Positions.

Just hired Daniel Kirk for NT.

Calvary Baptist:

Has started doing Extension Courses in Toronto

Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysberg:

Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg is at the interview phase of the Library Director search. Hopefully a new director will be in place by summer 2007. Sara Mummert, Library Assistant for 34 years retired July 1, 2006. She and her vast knowledge will be missed.

Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia:

Are rearranging the collection and making use of compact storage.

Moravian Theological Seminary:

Dr. Christopher Thomforde was appointed as President of Moravian College and Moravian Theological Seminary in August.

Both the College and the Seminary will go through re-accreditation in 2008; 2006-07 is the self study year for both; Bonnie Falla is on the Seminary self-study committee.

In observance of Theological Library Month, Jan Ballard, Archivist, mounted a display in Reeves Library featuring items from the men's seminary library, remnants of which are in the rare books room. The men's seminary was founded in 1807. Pictures of our display are at http://www.atla.com/member/librarians_tools/TLM_stories.htm#moravian

New Brunswick Theological Seminary:

Are Preparing for an ATS visit.

Have hired a new reference Librarian.

The Library is getting a new roof.

St Charles Borromeo Seminary

The library has taken over the website for the institution, and is redesigning the format. Distance education is being offered in the Religious Studies Division. This initiative is possible with the new WebCT courseware being used by the institution. The Library has hired two new Circulation staff, Joe Martin and John Holeman.

Palmer Theological Seminary:

Palmer Theological Seminary have added a new assistant professor of Evangelism and Holistic Ministry to our faculty, Al Tizon, who holds a Ph.D. in Missiology from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley Calif.

The Library is in the preliminary stages of planning a new section of compact shelving that would go primarily in the periodicals section of the stacks.

Westminster Theological Seminary:

WTS welcomed Marsha Blake as Reference Librarian in August of 2006.

Grace Mullen, Assistant Librarian and Archivist is presently on sick leave.

WTS is in the final stages of choosing a new Integrated Library System.

Library Director Sandy Finlayson has been promoted to the rank of Full Professor.