

To: ACRL/College Libraries Section Executive Committee

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From: Celia Rabinowitz, Member-at-Large

Re: Mid-Winter Report

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Plans for the Friday Night Feast (FNF) at the 2009 ALA annual conference in Chicago are on schedule. We have negotiated a contract and placed a deposit with Brasserie JO at 59 W. Hubbard St. I am told by ACRL staff that this is a popular place and that we got a good deal with them.

Irene Herold successfully solicited a donation of \$1500.00 from Serials Solutions again this year. I am very grateful for her work in obtaining the donation.

Here are two tentative scenarios for funding and costs for the dinner.

Scenario One (based on donation funding of \$1500.00 only):

- The average dinner cost is \$48.68.
- We offer free dinners to six new members and one representative of the donors.
- We have 50 members sign up.
- Including the service charge the average cost per dinner is \$35.49.

Scenario Two (based on donation funding of \$2000.00):

- With all the other factors remaining the same, the average cost per dinner is \$25.49.

If fewer people sign up then the average cost will rise to the \$2000.00 funding level would likely keep the cost per person under \$40.00.

I will be working in the spring with Megan Davis to verify the menu, set up online registration, and finalize costs. I will also be getting announcements out according to the calendar in the historical files I received. I can begin that work after mid-winter when costs are clearer.

Finally I will work with Gloria Creed-Dikeogu on the Membership Committee to identify the six recipients of the free dinner.

Please encourage CLS members to consider attending the dinner this year. I will be at ACRL in Seattle and look forward to seeing you there.