

WESTCHESTER LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Summary of the Board of Directors Meeting
June 10, 2010
Cheesecake Factory, White Plains

Present: Zahra M. Baird, Diane Batemarco, Aurora Cruz, Ann-Marie Cutul, Ed Falcone, Harriet Huang, James Leftwich, Craig McMahon, John Monahan, Cathy Paulsen, Srivalli Rao, Carolyn Reznick, Sharon Rothman, Jessica Tagliaferro, and Susan Thaler

The meeting started at 12:30.

Treasurer's Report:

Falcone reported that as of May 31, 2010, WLA had \$15,907.25 in the Checking Account and \$24,015.21 in the Savings Account with a combined balance of \$39,922.46.

Annual Conference:

- Falcone circulated the “almost final” tally of the Conference financials. The total income was \$14,074.58 and the expenses \$16,539.38, bringing the Conference outlay to approximately \$2,500.
- According to the responses of the online Monkey Survey the comments were overwhelmingly positive, particularly for the keynote speaker Adriana Trigiani.
- Some negative responses were recorded about the *Staying Healthy in the Workplace* and *151 Quick Ideas to Deal with Difficult People* workshops.

Board members commented as follows:

- The afternoon workshops were delayed because the luncheon speaker went over her allotted time. The speakers and some of those attending felt shortchanged.
- Falcone (via email) and Rothman (by letter) sent thank you notes to Adriana Trigiani, and Falcone got a nice email back.
- Thaler has written up a Conference report which she will distribute via email. She suggested we set up a timeline for next year's Conference preparations since NYLA needs two weeks to set up the registration. One complication was verifying memberships. The NYLA confirmation slips were also somewhat confusing.
- Cruz suggested we do a major publicity effort in January to encourage people to renew their memberships early.
- The Board voted for May 6 as the Annual Conference date for 2011. Cruz will book Doubletree for that date.

Miscellaneous items:

- Tagliaferro has set up a Wiki for Board members. She and Thaler will email everyone with an invitation to join. Board Meeting Minutes will be posted on the Wiki in addition to the WLA homepage
- Thaler and Cutul have visited the Westchester Historical Archives to look at WLA archival material deposited there over the years. Board members agreed to

transfer material to the Westchester Historical Society housed in the same building as keeping this material does not agree with the Archives' mission. Thaler, Tagliaferro, Cutul, Batemarco, and Huang will form a committee to sort through the boxes to eliminate any extraneous documents.

- Thaler suggested adding a Yonkers Board of Education member to the Board since Yonkers is not part of BOCES.
- Cutul will order more WLA letterhead.
- Rao has deleted the 2008 members from the WLA database while keeping 2009 and 2010 members.

Respectfully submitted by Ann-Marie Cutul

Picnic and Baseball game:

- Board members agreed on July 31 as the date to have a picnic and watch a game of the Hudson Renegades at the Dutchess Stadium in Wappingers Falls.

Upcoming Meeting:

Thursday, August 5, 2010, 10 – 12 Noon.

Location: White Plains Public Library