

WESTCHESTER LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting
March 18, 2010
Yonkers Grinton Will Library

Present: Diane Batemarco, Aurora Cruz, Ann-Marie Cutul, K. DeLuca, Ed Falcone, Dan Glauber, Maxine Grandison, Melissa Iamonico, John Monahan, Sharon Rothman, Judith Rovenger, and Susan Thaler

Excused: Tim Baird, Zahra M. Baird, Jodie Hopkins, Harriet Huang, Cathy Paulsen, Srivalli Rao, Carolyn Reznick, and Pam Thornton

The meeting came to order at 10:10. Motion (Cruz/DeLuca) to accept the Minutes from February 25, 2010, passed.

President's Report:

- Rothman brought up the issue of the WLA 2010-2011 slate of officers. Thaler will be President, Falcone is willing to continue as Treasurer, and Cutul, as well, as Secretary. Emails have been circulating regarding the position for Vice President/President Elect. A few people have shown interest, and the Nominating Committee (President, Past President, and the President/Elect) is reaching out to them. Others are also encouraged to "throw their hat into the arena." The Board agreed that a candidate from an academic library would be preferable. The Nominating Committee will make the final recommendation. The slate has to be distributed to the membership by April 7.
- Rothman asked the Board members for a preferred date for the June luncheon meeting. The luncheon will be Thursday, June 10.

Treasurer's Report:

- Falcone reported that we took in \$525 at O'Malley's Social Event and spent \$1429.24 for a net cost of \$904.24. Last year's event had a net cost of \$1,089.79. He also reported that as of March 17, 2010, WLA had \$11,208.97 in the Checking Account and \$30,011.67 in the Savings Account with a combined total of \$41,220.64.

Membership Report:

- Thaler reported for Rao who was excused. WLA currently has 139 members.

Web Administration Committee:

- Rothman mentioned that webmaster Tim Baird will be away until Wednesday of next week. Zahra M. Baird will do essential postings to the WLA webpage, but pdf documents might pose a problem for her. Glauber offered to help, if needed.

College Section:

- Batemarco reported that she had posted the WLA Professional Development Award on the Waldo listserv.

Youth Services Section:

- Rovenger reported for Zahra M. Baird who was excused. The WLA/WLS Performers' Showcase, an annual event, was held on Tuesday, March 16, 2010, at the White Plains Public Library. The event was supposed to take place at the Greenburgh Library but was relocated because of the power outage from the recent storm. Rerouting was accomplished with ease and minimal disruption. Organizers were Kate Colquitt, Judith Rovenger, John Sexton, Marci Dressler, Mercy Garland and Zahra M. Baird. There were 53 people in attendance. The link to contact information for the showcase has been posted to the WLA homepage. Total expenditure for the affair was \$147.24.

Support Staff Section:

- Grandison announced that she will be unable to attend the Annual Conference. Cheryl Berent will help out with the program she has set up with Dr. David LaRocco.

Public Relations Committee:

- The Committee extends special thanks to Craig McMahon who has produced the conference flyer on short notice.

Legislation Committee:

- Glauber will start to contact legislators to invite them to the Annual Conference.

Professional Development Committee:

- Iamónico announced that the Professional Development Award flyer has been distributed to all Westchester public libraries, as well as to neighboring library schools. The application deadline is April 17. Iamónico has set up a gmail account specifically for the applications, wlaprofdev@gmail.com.

The Marilyn Johnson Author Event:

- Karyn DeLuca reported that 77 people attended the event held February 3 at the White Plains Library. As the Washington Irving Adult Book Award is only awarded every other year at the Annual Conference, DeLuca announced that her Committee had decided they would continue to arrange an author event every year in an "off year."

Annual Conference:

Registration:

- Thaler reported that setting up registration with NYLA has not gone as smoothly as expected because of unforeseen complications. The Early Bird Registration will be extended to April 9. NYLA representative is Joel Friedman.
- Thaler distributed the Conference program and registration form. She will ask Zahra M. Baird to post the information on the WLA homepage since Tim Baird is

away and Rao to send out a mass email. We will also need a link to NYLA for the registration.

Raffle:

- Cutul has agreed to continue to collect raffle prizes. We will raffle off two free WLA memberships. Tickets will be \$1 a piece and six for \$5. Raffle table will be set up by the registration area.

Vendors:

- The Board decided to offer a lower rate of \$100 for a non-profit vendor (includes breakfast and one free lunch). Hopkins has indicated that one vendor may sponsor breakfast. Thaler will contact Hopkins for a status report.

Miscellaneous:

- Monahan announced that Francene Costello has retired from BOCES. Pam Berger is her replacement, pberger@swboces.org, and will be the new representative on the WLA Board.

The meeting was adjourned (Thaler/Batemarco) at 11:50 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by Ann-Marie Cutul

Upcoming Meeting:

Thursday, April 8, at the Chappaqua Public Library

Time: 10 - Noon