

WESTCHESTER LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
January 13, 2011
Westchester Community College

Present: Mary Ayers, Ann-Marie Cutul, Ed Falcone, Dan Glauber, Bonnie Katz, Srivalli Rao, Carolyn Reznick, Jessica Tagliaferro, and Susan Thaler

Excused: Tim Baird, Zahra M. Baird, Diane Batemarco, Pam Berger, Aurora Cruz, K. De Luca, Melissa Iamonico, Craig McMahon, John Monahan, Cathy Paulsen, Sharon Rothman, and Pam Thornton

The meeting was called to order at 10:10. Motion (Reznick/Glauber) to accept the Minutes of December 9, 2010, passed.

President's Report:

- Thaler welcomed new Board member Bonnie Katz. Katz will replace Jodie Hopkins as Vendor Chair.
- Thaler, Cruz and Z. M. Baird have composed a letter to the WLS Board lamenting the recent layoffs. Thaler circulated the response from Board President Patricia Dohrenwend. WLS director Terry Kirchner would like to set up a meeting with Thaler to discuss future cooperation.
- Cutul interjected that encouraging cooperation and communication with WLS would be beneficial to all parties.

Treasurer's Report:

- Falcone reported that as of December 31, 2010, WLA had \$14,364.27 in the Checking Account and \$24,022.25 in the Savings Account with a combined balance of \$38,386.52.

Membership Report:

- Rao reported that WLA has 61 members so far for 2011. She has sent out a second reminder for those who have not renewed yet. Again, she has excluded Board members.
- Rao has sent the PayPal link to Tim for embedding. Rao hopes PayPal will be working this week so she can test it on Board members. PayPal cannot include a provision for adding scholarship money to the membership fee. A membership notice will also be sent out via Constant Contact by Reznick.
- Rao suggested raising the WLA membership fee, but Board members felt that the time was not appropriate for this given the current economic conditions.

Public Relations Committee:

- McMahon was excused. Reznick asked Board members mail her notices or items of interest to be distributed via Constant Contact.

Professional Development Committee:

- Glauber distributed the revised guidelines for the Professional Development Award and the Scholarship Award. Both awards can be given to one or more recipients with a combined amount of \$500 for each award. Board members suggested adding a disclaimer and voted to accept the new guidelines as amended.
- Glauber further mentioned that professional development is important for librarians taking Civil Service exams. He suggested, therefore, that WLA might provide professional development programming. Thaler will clarify what kind of programs qualify toward professional development credits.

Annual Conference:

Registration:

- It is unclear if NYLA is available to provide registration this year.

Breakfast:

- Cruz was excused. Thaler reported on her behalf. Cruz has inquired about a less extensive breakfast. Doubletree can provide coffee, tea and Danish for \$10 per person.

Keynote Speaker:

- Board members suggested Amy Sedaris or Stacy Schiff. Schiff is the author of the newly published biography *Cleopatra*.

The meeting was adjourned (Reznick/Tagliaferro) at 11:50 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by Ann-Marie Cutul

Upcoming Meeting:

Thursday, February 10, 2011

Scarsdale Public Library