

WESTCHESTER LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
April 11, 2013
White Plains Public Library

Present: Carol Angert, Mary Ayers, Z.M. Baird, Gina Bell, Tata Canuelas, Ann-Marie Cutul, Alexandra Gaete, Dan Glauber, Maxine Grandison, Martha Iwan, Bonnie Katz, Kathy Mannino, Towanda Mathurin, Srivalli Rao, Carolyn Reznick, and Susan Thaler

Excused: Tim Baird, Cheryl Berent, Ed Falcone, Debbie Fletcher, Valerie Herman, Terry Kirchner, Leah Massar, Diana Matson, and Donna Pesce

The meeting came to order at 10:15. Motion (Z.M.Baird/Thaler) to approve the Minutes from March 14, 2013, passed with two corrections.

President's Report:

- Glauber introduced the candidate for Vice/President Elect, Kathy Mannino. Mannino is Assistant Professor at the College of New Rochelle, and she can be reached at kmannino@cnr.edu. The WLA 2013-14 Slate has been emailed to members.

Treasurer's Report:

- Thaler reported for Falcone who was excused. As of March 31, 2013, WLA had \$9,661.28 in the Checking Account and \$31,012.60 in the Savings Account with a combined balance of \$40,673.88.
- Glauber asked Thaler to remind Falcone to put together the Annual Treasurer's Report for the Conference.

Membership Report:

- Rao reported that WLA currently has 172 members. She will send out another Conference registration reminder.

Web Administration Committee:

- Glauber reported that all the Conference information has been posted to the web site. There can be trouble opening some links in Internet Explorer. Glauber will put up the list of Washington Irving Selections shortly.

Reference Section:

- Ayers reported that the Conference speakers have all returned their contracts and that all is in order.

Youth Services Section:

- Z.M. Baird reported that she will forward the speaker contracts to Mathurin.

Support Staff Section:

- Grandison has the Conference speaker contract. She will order copies of the booklet. Kirchner, on behalf of WLS, will cover expenses between \$200-300.

Legislation Committee:

- Glauber reported for Pesce who was excused. A NYLA Legislative alert mentioned that the final FY 2013-14 NYS Budget includes a \$4M restoration in Library Aid. The appropriation of \$85.6M remains \$16.8M below the \$102.4M that is stipulated in Education Law. The Budget included \$14M for Library Construction.
- Fifteen State Assembly members and senators have been invited to the Conference. David Carlucci, Sandy Galef, and Shelley Mayer have confirmed that they will attend.

Professional Development Committee:

- Glauber reported for Matson who was excused. So far, there is only one applicant for both awards. Board members agreed that one person can only receive one award. The application deadline will be extended till April 22.

Washington Irving Committee:

- Z.M. Baird distributed a list of Washington Irving Selections for 2013, covering both fiction and non-fiction.
- She reported that the Committee is working on a tri-fold or card stock bookmark. Committee members are confirming author attendance, and creating a Pinterest board, and updates on Facebook and Twitter, as well as creating a slide show. They are collecting books and making baskets to raffle off and are working on a News 12 Matt Sampson interview prior to the awards. They are also preparing a press release to distribute to media and libraries.

Raffle Committee:

- Angert has secured a number of prizes and is working on the slide presentation for the Conference. Please let her know of any additional prizes that you collect.

Annual Conference:

Registration:

- Glauber reported that, according to Katz, there are 48 registrants so far. He suggested extending the deadline for Early Bird registration, and Board members agreed to make the new deadline the 22nd of April.

Vendors:

- Iwan reported that only five vendors have registered so far. The Turkish Cultural Center of Westchester is interested in coming, and Board members agreed that they could give out free samples but could not offer hot coffee.

Poster Sessions:

- Glauber reported for Tagliaferro who was excused. So far, there are eight qualified entries. Tagliaferro suggested that we offer free registration and lunch to the poster presenters. Board members discussed placement and suggested alternating vendors and poster presenters in the ballroom and maybe using the area outside the ballroom, as well.

Packet Party:

- Board members will meet and make Conference packets Monday, May 6, 5-9, at the Scarsdale Public Library. Glauber went through a list of items to be included in the envelopes.

Pictures:

- Gaete offered to take pictures

The meeting was adjourned (Z.M. Baird/Canuelas) at 11:55 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by Ann-Marie Cutul

Upcoming Meetings:

May 10, 2013, Annual Conference at the Doubletree Hotel in Tarrytown

June 13, 2013, Lunch Meeting, location T.B.A.