

**WESTCHESTER LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Hastings Public Library**  
**April 9, 2015**

**Present:**

Liz Anastasi, Ann-Marie Cutul, Alexandra Gaete, Dan Glauber, Maxine Grandison, Mallory Harlen, Martha Iwan, Bonnie Katz, Diana Lennon, Kathleen Mannino, Leah Massar, Srivalli Rao, Sara Rodgers, Sarah Rodriguez, Sharon Rothman, Rebecca Steere, and John Torres

**Excused:**

Tim Baird, Z.M. Baird, Gina Bell, Valerie Herman, Terry Kirchner, Joseph Mannozi, Donna Pesce, and Linda Surovich

The meeting came to order at 10:10. Motion (Grandison/Rothman) to approve the Minutes from March 12, 2015, passed.

**President's Report:**

- Mannino reported that the Conference Committee had a productive meeting and the Conference schedule has been worked out. Gaete has made the Conference brochure. Room necessities need to be finalized. Mannino referred to Anastasi who handed out two sheets, one for "Room & AV Set-Up Needs" and one "Special Registration Form for Speakers/Presenters."
- Mannino further announced that Massar is leaving the College Section.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Rothman reported that as of April 8, 2015, WLA had \$10,283.54 in the Checking Account and \$23,206.70 in the Savings Account with a combined balance of \$33,490.24.

**Membership Report:**

- Rao reported that WLA has 141 members. Rao will email the link to the Conference registration form and the ballot as soon as Gaete has finalized it.
- Mannino also read a statement from incoming Membership Chair Linda Surovich, library trainee at the Ossining Public Library.

**Web Administration Committee:**

- Glauber has put up the online registration for the Conference.
- He has also updated WordPress which may affect the Calendar. If something is missing from the Calendar, please let him know.

**Public Relations Committee:**

- Gaete will send out Conference publicity both by email and hard copy. She will finalize the Ballot and forward it to Rao for distribution. The Vice President/President Elect slot will be left vacant on the ballot as, so far, there is no candidate.

### **Legislation Committee:**

- Mannino reported for Pesce who was excused. The NY State Senate has passed legislation that would exempt libraries from paying the MTA payroll tax with a potential savings of \$1.3 million.
- State senators and assembly members were emailed about the earlier time slot (11:30-12:00) for elected officials to speak at the Conference. State senators Latimer, Stewart-Cousins, and Hassell-Thompson have responded that they will attend, as well as Assembly member Shelley Mayer.

### **Vendor Committee:**

- Iwan reported that only three vendors have confirmed that they will come to the Conference. She is still waiting to hear from a few others. Some vendors, who will not come, have donated prizes for the raffle.

### **Annual Conference:**

#### *Speaker Forms:*

- Please return forms to Rodgers as soon as possible. (“Room & AV Set-Up Needs” and “Special Registration Form for Speakers/Presenters”)

#### *AV Equipment:*

- Board members were asked to bring in any available laptops, projectors and microphones to offset Conference costs.

#### *Registration:*

- Rodgers passed around a sign-up sheet with time slots. Additional volunteers are needed.

#### *Contact List:*

- Rodgers passed around a Contact list, and Board members filled in their cell phone numbers. Rodgers will email the final version to Board members.

#### *CEU Certificates:*

- Anastasi will provide certificates for the attendees needing credit.

#### *Awards:*

- There will be neither Scholarship/Professional Development Award nor any School/Library Cooperation awards this year.

#### *Slate of Officers:*

- Gaete will finalize the ballot and send it to Rao for distribution. The Vice President/President Elect slot will be listed as vacant. The ballot will include the suggested membership dues increase.

**LARC:**

- Anastasi reported that she and Rodgers had met with a representative from LARC about co-sponsorship of the Annual Conference. Board members felt that specifics need to be ironed out and put in writing before they make a formal commitment.

**Bylaws:**

- The formation of a bylaws revision committee was postponed.

The meeting was adjourned (Anastasi/Rodriguez) at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ann-Marie Cutul

**Upcoming Meetings:**

Friday, May 8, Annual Conference at Doubletree in Tarrytown

June lunch meeting: TBA