

**WESTCHESTER LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting**  
**April 14, 2016**  
**Greenburgh Public Library**

**Present:**

Liz Anastasi, Mallory Harlen, Martha Iwan, Bonnie Katz, Diana Lennon, Kathy Palovick, Sara Rodgers, Sarah Rodriguez, Sharon Rothman, James Trapasso

**Excused:**

Tim Baird, Z.B. Baird, Elizabeth Coppola, Alex Gaete, Dan Glauber, Maxine Grandison, Terry Kirchner, Joseph Mannozi, Donna Pesce, Maureen Petry, Elaine Provenzano, Kim Stucko, Linda Surovich, John Torres

The meeting was called to order at 10: 08. Diana Lennon made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 2016 meeting, provided that the minutes are revised to reflect that Elaine Provenzano was excused from the meeting; Martha Iwan seconded. The motion was passed and the minutes were accepted.

**President's Report:**

- Liz reminded the board that there are still open WLA positions: Vice President, Conference Chair, and Legislative Chair. When the topic was brought up at the end of the meeting, several board members in attendance volunteered to fill open slots. James Trapasso will serve as the 2016-2017 Vice President, Liz Anastasi and Bonnie Katz will be the Conference Committee Co-Chairs and Kathy Palovick will chair the Legislation committee. Mallory Harlen agreed to do another year as secretary and Sharon Rothman will remain treasurer. Sara Rodgers, James, Mallory and Sharon will forward ballot information (photo, bio) to Alex as soon as possible.
- The Multi-Language Book Fair was a success. A big thank you to John Torres for manning the WLA table.
- Erica Freudenberger is officially booked for our 2017 Mid-Winter Conference.

**Conference:**

- We are quickly approaching the 4/15 Early Bird registration deadline.
- A/V and Equipment forms are due on 4/18.
- The packing party will be held at the Mount Kisco Public Library on Tuesday, May 3 at 6:30. Please have all materials ready to go by Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.
- 55 people have registered as of April 14<sup>th</sup>.
- If you have an award to be presented at the conference, please bring it with you that day.
- If any of your speakers have books, please let Sara know and she will arrange for the Village Bookstore to bring copies.
- Does Elena Falcone need a separate table as a vendor? Martha has not heard back from her.
- The WLS table will now be a Battle of the Books table. Liz will ask that Elizabeth Portillo, President of Battle of the Books, get in touch with Martha.
- Sara can ask the Doubletree not to clean up until after Elena's discussion. Diana suggested having her speak in a workshop room instead; we'll add her workshop to the online registration form and book a conference room for approximately 50 people.
- If you have your own equipment that you're willing to bring to the conference, please do. Make sure it is clearly labeled with your name and library and let John Torres know you'll be bringing something.

- John is working on raffle prizes.
- We don't have a photographer yet. Suzy Dugaw expressed interested. James will reach out to the photographers currently exhibiting at Ossining.
- Conference Giveaways: Z is getting a Jacob Burns package. Diana will ask Terry for a WLS giveaway.

#### **Vendor Committee**

- 10 vendors are confirmed. Martha will reach out to Kim Stucko regarding an SLA table, as well as reaching out to LARC to see if they'd like to have a table.

#### **Professional Development and Scholarship Committee:**

- We received five applicants for the scholarship!

#### **Youth Services Committee:**

- The committee received three nominations for the School/Public Library Cooperation Award.
- The Printz Pizza Party date has changed to June 9<sup>th</sup>, at White Plains, from 6-8:30. The flier and the website both reflect the new date. Author Ashley Hope Perez will be Skyping in to the event!

#### **College Committee:**

- No report

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Sharon reminded board members that if you need a sales tax exempt form for any conference materials, please let her know and she will email you the form.

#### **Legislation Committee:**

- No report.

#### **Reference Committee:**

- Bonnie is coordinating equipment with her speakers to make the workshops as seamless as possible.

#### **Support Staff Committee:**

- No report.

#### **Web Administration Committee:**

- No report.
- Bonnie asked if any video or slides will be uploaded from Mid-Winter. No one took any video of the presentation, but Liz will reach out to Rebekkah to see if she can provide us with slides.

#### **Public Relations Committee:**

- James has noticed a big increase in likes on Facebook; the statistics went way up after Mid-Winter.

#### **Membership Committee:**

- No report. Linda gave Mallory membership checks for Sharon.

#### **June Meeting**

- Bonnie will reach out to Graziella's in White Plains to make a reservation for the June meeting, on either June 10<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, or 17<sup>th</sup>, at noon.

A motion to adjourn was made by James at 11:45; Diana seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mallory Harlen

**Upcoming Meetings:**

**May 6, 2016: Annual Conference (Doubletree Hotel)**

**June (date TBD): Graziella's Bistro**