

WESTCHESTER LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
August 23, 2012
Ossining Public Library

Present: Carol Angert, Mary Ayers, Cheryl Berent, Ann-Marie Cutul, Ed Falcone, Alexandra Gaete, Dan Glauber, Bonnie Katz, Terry Kirchner, Towanda Mathurin, Donna Pesce, and Srivalli Rao

Excused: Judy Ashby, Tim Baird, Zahra M. Baird, Gina Bell, Maxine Grandison, Valerie Herman, Leah Massar, Diana Matson, Carolyn Reznick, Sharon Rothman, Jessica Tagliaferro, and Susan Thaler

The meeting came to order at 10:15. Motion (Kirchner/Ayers) to approve the Minutes from June 20, 2012, passed.

President's Report:

- Incoming President Glauber noted that a reservation has been made for the Annual Conference to be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Tarrytown May 10, 2013.
- Glauber mentioned that he has visited the Gateway Center at Westchester Community College (WCC) to check the facility for a possible Mid-Winter Conference. The Center has an auditorium for 150 and offers a breakfast menu for a reasonable price.
- Glauber has also been in touch with NYLA Executive Director Jeremy Johanneson regarding NYLA'S proposal to make WLA a local chapter.

Treasurer's Report:

- Falcone reported that as of July 31, 2012, WLA had \$6,749.08 in the Checking Account and \$32,002.42 in the Savings Account with a combined balance of \$38,751.50.

Membership Report:

- Rao reported that she will delete 2010 members who have not renewed. WLA currently has about 230 members. Any new members will be signed up through 2013.

Reference Section:

- Ayers reported that she has had positive feedback regarding Christopher Platt's presentation at the Annual Conference.
- She also mentioned that she has a colleague who might be interested in joining the WLA Board.

Youth Services Section:

- Falcone reported for Z.M. Baird who was excused. Michelle Halpern from the Yonkers Public Library is the new Youth Services Liaison at WLS, and she will help with and coordinate the future programs planned by the Section.

Professional Development:

- Matson was excused. Glauber mentioned the upcoming ALA sponsored event "Lead the Change" at the Darien Library September 18, 2012.
- Kirchner mentioned that there will be an all-day *Digital Literacy Training Workshop* at WLS November 14, 2012.
- Kirchner also mentioned that the courses for the *Advanced Certificate in Public Library Administration* are tentatively planned to start at WLS in March, 2013.

Vendor Section:

- Vendor Chair Katz mentioned positive feedback after the Conference from AudioGO. She noted that she no longer will be able to be Vendor Chair since she is now Vice-President/President Elect. She will write up a description of the position.

Annual Conference 2013:

- Mathurin reported that she has secured the reservation for May 10 next year at Doubletree with a deposit of \$500.
- The price per person is \$34 for lunch. Breakfast would cost either \$12 or \$19 per person. Board members agreed to include breakfast, and picked the less expensive \$12 choice without fruit.

Mid-Winter Conference:

- Glauber and Mathurin have visited the Gateway Center at WCC and set a tentative date to hold Mid-Winter there January 7, 2013, with a snow date for January 14. Renting the facility would be free. Glauber envisioned 2-3 sessions on a particular topic with a breakfast break.
- Kirchner suggested Common Core as a possible topic and advised Glauber to contact Judy Ashby. The topic Digital Literacy was also mentioned, as well as Jobs.
- Glauber suggested Randy Cohen from *New York Times Magazine* as a possible keynote speaker.

NYLA Proposal:

- Board members debated the pros and cons of becoming a local chapter of NYLA. The main obstacle seemed to be the dues structure, and members objected to the proposed drastic increase in dues. Board members agreed to table NYLA's invitation for now. One item needs to be investigated, the issue of liability insurance.

Miscellaneous:

- A Board member inquired what the latest is with the Logo Contest. Glauber will check with DeLuca who was handling it.

The meeting was adjourned (Kirchner/Rao) at 11:35 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by Ann-Marie Cutul, Secretary

Upcoming meetings:

September 13, 2012

October 11, 2012

November 8, 2012

December 13, 2012

Place:

Hastings Public Library

Mount Kisco Public Library

TBA

Scarsdale Public Library

All meetings to be held 10 A.M. - 12 Noon