

WESTCHESTER LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Summary of the Board of Directors Meeting
June 12, 2014
Graziella's Italian Bistro, White Plains

Present:

Mary Ayers, Ann-Marie Cutul, Ed Falcone, Dan Glauber, Maxine Grandison, Martha Iwan, Bonnie Katz, Kathleen Mannino, Leah Massar, William Moorhead, Maureen Petry, Srivalli Rao, Sara Rodgers, Sharon Rothman, Rebecca Steere, John Torres

Excused:

Gina Bell, Pam Berger, Debbie Fletcher, Valerie Herman, Terry Kirchner, Joseph Mannozi, Donna Pesce, Carolyn Reznick, and Augusta Turner

The meeting came to order at 12:25. Motion (Ayers/Massar) to approve the Minutes from April 10, 2014, passed.

President's Report:

- Katz thanked Board and Committee Chairs for their hard work during the year, and, particularly, for their work for the past Conference.
- Katz announced that Scott Jarzombek has stepped down as Vice President/President Elect as he has left his job at Armonk for a position in Albany. She welcomes suggestions for another candidate.
- She also suggested we decide whether we should have a Mid-Winter Conference in 2015 or aim for a two year interval. Board members unanimously agreed to skip the Conference next year and have a Mid-Winter every other year.
- Katz discussed the Conference survey results which were emailed to Board members. They indicated overall satisfaction with the facilities, luncheon, workshops, panel, and keynote. There were requests for an author as keynote and workshops on services for seniors and technology.
- Katz recommended that the Committee chairs write down Conference practices and protocol to create a knowledge database on the Wiki.
- She also welcomed William (Bill) Moorhead and Rebecca Steere to the Reference Committee. Rebecca will choose between the Reference and College Reference sections. Katz thanked Ayers for her excellent work during her long tenure as Reference Chair. She also thanked Falcone for his services as Treasurer and welcomed Rothman as the new Treasurer.
- Katz suggested that we post descriptions of Board vacancies on the WLA website.
- Finally, she welcomed incoming President Mannino.

Treasurer's Report:

- Falcone reported that as of May 31, 2014, WLA had \$7,997.46 in the Checking Account and \$23,977.89 in the Savings Account with a combined balance of \$31,975.35. Falcone had also tabulated the income from the past four conferences which showed an increasing

net loss. The loss from the recent Conference was \$6,457.95 with some checks still due from Yonkers Schools and a couple of vendors.

Membership Report:

- Rao reported that we have 194 members. She has deleted all 2013 members who have not renewed. Anyone joining now will have a membership through 2015.

Directory Committee:

- Glauber will send the link to the 2014-2015 WLA Membership Directory to Rao to be forwarded to members.

2015 Annual Conference:

- Katz has reserved May 8th at the Doubletree for next year's Annual Conference. Mannino and Martha Iwan will check if there is a conflict with other conferences and vendors then inquire if May 15 is also available.
- Board members discussed possible conference themes and topics, such as services to seniors, reinventing existing library spaces, and accommodating local businessmen. Any ideas should be forwarded to Mannino at manninowla@gmail.com.

The meeting was adjourned (Rothman/Glauber) at 2 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ann-Marie Cutul