

WESTCHESTER LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Summary of the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
June 11, 2015
Graziella's Italian Bistro, White Plains

Present:

Liz Anastasi, Ann-Marie Cutul, Alexandra Gaete, Dan Glauber, Maxine Grandison, Mallory Harlen, Martha Iwan, Bonnie Katz, Donna Pesce, Maureen Petry, Srivalli Rao, Sara Rodgers, Sarah Rodriguez, Sharon Rothman, Rebecca Steere, Linda Surovich, and John Torres

Excused:

Tim Baird, Z.B. Baird, Gina Bell, Valery Herman, Terry Kirchner, Kathleen Mannino, Leah Massar, Carolyn Reznick,

The meeting was called to order at 12:15. Motion (Rodgers/Petry) to approve the Minutes from April 9, 2015, passed.

President's Report:

- Incoming President Anastasi presided over the meeting as Mannino was excused. She conveyed thanks from Mannino to all Board members for their work during the past year and for the Conference.
- Anastasi has received 44 responses to the Conference follow up survey. She will resend it and report back on the results.
- She also announced that the vacant Vice President/President Elect slot has been filled by Sara Rodgers.
- She expressed thanks to Rao who is retiring as Membership Chair and Cutul as Secretary.

Treasurer's Report:

- Rothman reported that as of June 8, 2015, WLA had \$8,203.52 in the Checking Account and \$23, 207.45 in the Savings Account with a combined balance of \$31,410.97. She announced that we have broken even this year, as we had a combined balance of \$31,372.54 at the same time last year. She contributed this to better Conference pricing, less spending for refreshments and no scholarship donation.

Membership Report:

- Rao is retiring and will train Linda Surovich to take over. WLA has approximately 160 members. She will send out an email with an updated membership count.

Reference Committee:

- Petry suggested we think of a theme for the 2016 Conference during the summer.

Youth Services Committee:

- Rodriguez mentioned that the Anne Izard Storytellers' Choice Award Ceremony will be held June 16 at the White Plains Public Library and the WLS/WLA Printz Pizza Party will be held there, as well, on June 18.

Support Staff Section:

- Grandison reported that she had had positive feed-back on the Support Staff Conference program.

Public Relations Committee:

- Gaete is building up a media contact list. Please let her know if you come across any useful information.

Legislation Committee:

- Pesce was pleased with the legislator turnout at the Conference. She noted how responsive the legislators have become to the needs of libraries.
- She will also streamline her survey and create one for library staff and one for vendors.

Professional Development Committee:

- The Committee needs a Chair. Glauber proposed that we have only one award for \$500. Rothman suggested we name the award after retiring Board members. The requirements and qualifications for the award need to be revised.

Vendor Committee:

- Iwan expressed the need for more vendors at the Conference. The ones we had liked the idea of having microphone time to address the attendees.
- Iwan is still waiting for payment from METRO.

Directory Committee:

- We need a Directory Chair. Glauber will no longer be able to assemble the directory after he took on the role as IT manager for the Conference.

The meeting was adjourned (Glauber/Katz) at 12:50.

Respectfully submitted by Ann-Marie Cutul

Upcoming Meetings:

August 13, 2015. Location TBA

September 10, 2015 at the Warner Library in Tarrytown