

WESTCHESTER LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
March 13, 2014
White Plains Public Library

Present:

Mary Ayers, Gina Bell, Tata Canuelas, Ann-Marie Cutul, Ed Falcone, Dan Glauber, Martha Iwan, Bonnie Katz, Kathleen Mannino, Leah Massar, Donna Pesce, Srivalli Rao, Carolyn Reznick, Sara Rodgers, and Sharon Rothman

Excused:

Tim Baird, Zahra M. Baird, Debbie Fletcher, Alexandra Gaete, Valerie Herman, Terry Kirchner, Joseph Manozzi, Maureen Petry, John Torres, and Augusta Turner

The meeting came to order at 10:15. Motion (Rao/Mannino) to approve the Minutes from February 27, 2014, passed.

President's Report:

- Katz announced that the title chosen for the Conference is "The Inclusive Library: Accommodating Learning Differences."
- Katz passed around the Conference flyer created by Gaete. Board members suggested some minor revisions. Biographies of the speakers and descriptions of the workshops will be added for the Conference brochure.
- Katz announced that she has added a member to the panel, Dr. Sasha Stok, an authority on Autism Spectrum and Challenged Populations.
- She urged Board members to register for the Conference.
- The School and Public Library Cooperation Award will be managed by Pam Berger. Selections will be made by Berger and Mannozi.
- Katz mentioned the suggestion by Mannino to use Google Hangout by the Conference Committee. Reznick interjected that it is easier to set up a Conference Call with everyone dialing in a particular number which she will give to Katz.
- Katz also mentioned that we need a candidate for Vice President/President Elect, as well as Treasurer for 2014-15. Bylaws require that the Ballot go out one month prior to voting (i.e. the Conference) which would be April 9.

Treasurer's Report:

- Falcone reported that as of February 28, 2014, WLA had \$10,283.26 in the Checking Account and \$27,275.51 in the Savings Account with a combined balance of \$37,558.77.
- Falcone also announced that he is stepping down after five years as Treasurer.

Membership Report:

- Rao reported that she has not received any additional membership checks. Between 60 and 70 members from 2012 and 2013 have not renewed so far.
- Rao will send out the conference flyer after Katz has made the revisions. She will provide the membership data to Glauber, Mannino, Katz, Falcone and Rodgers.

- Rao will be away April 17-26.

Web Administration Committee:

- Glauber will set up Conference registration and guide Mannino through the process.

Conference Committee:

- Rodgers has created a Planning Worksheet for speakers and a Speaker's Registration Form. She will email the forms to the workshop arrangers. Please let Rodgers know all physical requirements for the workshops.

Reference Section:

- Ayers has two confirmed speakers, William N. Myhill, and Mark Fang.

College Section:

- Massar has secured one Conference speaker so far, Vincent J. Varrassi. Varrassi was the Campus Director, Regional Center for College Students with Learning Disabilities at Fairleigh Dickinson University and now has his own business. Massar is waiting to hear from a second speaker, Kimberly McKeown.

Youth Services Section:

- Canuelas reported that Z.M. Baird has set up two Conference workshops as previously reported.
- Canuelas also mentioned that the Youth Services Section of NYLA will host its Spring Conference at the Crown Plaza in White Plains April 4.
- Canuelas reported for Z.M. Baird who was excused. The Youth Services Section is partnering with WLS to host a Printz Pizza Party June 5, 2014, at the White Plains Public Library. Canuelas, on behalf of the Section, asked for a \$200 budget for the event, and motion (Rao/Mannino) for the amount, passed. Elena Falcone of WLS will buy extra copies of the Printz Winner and Honor books via Overdrive to facilitate the reading of or listening to the books in preparation for the party.
- The Youth Services Section is also planning an event to celebrate the Caldecott and Newbery award winners in the fall.

Legislation Committee:

- Pesce suggested ways to create better communication with the legislators. She proposed visits to the Legislators' offices. Board members discussed the mingling and "befriending" of the legislators at the Annual Conference. Katz suggested we discuss this in more details at the April meeting.

Professional Development Committee:

- Rothman asked for an additional committee member since Reznick will step down if her library employee submits an award application. Iwan volunteered her services.

Vendor Committee:

- Iwan asked if a vendor can get a discount for an overnight stay at Doubletree. Rodgers will find out.

- She also asked if a vendor submits brochures to be displayed at a table but not come in person, how much would we charge? Board agreed on \$50.

Annual Conference:

Certificates of Continuing Education:

- Reznick will provide a number of Certificates to be handed out upon request by Conference attendees.

Brochure:

- Board members agreed upon March 20 as the deadline for all information necessary for Gaete to create the Conference brochure (biographies, workshop descriptions, etc.) The aim is to have the brochure ready a week later.

Packet Party:

- Mannino will communicate with Board members using Doodle to schedule the Packet Party.

The meeting adjourned (Glauber/Mannino) at 12 Noon.

Respectfully submitted by Ann-Marie Cutul

Upcoming Meetings:

Thursday, April 10, 2014, at the Mount Kisco Public Library, 10 – 12 Noon

Friday, May 9, 2014, Annual Conference at Doubletree Hotel in Tarrytown