

WESTCHESTER LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
March 10, 2016
Mount Kisco Public Library

Present:

Liz Anastasi, Elizabeth Coppola, Alex Gaete, Maxine Grandison, Mallory Harlen, Martha Iwan, Bonnie Katz, Diana Lennon, Sara Rodgers, Sharon Rothman, Kim Stucko, Linda Surovich, John Torres, James Trapasso

Excused:

Tim Baird, Z.B. Baird, Dan Glauber, Terry Kirchner, Joseph Mannozi, Kathy Palovick, Elaine Provenzano, Sarah Rodriguez

The meeting was called to order at 10: 07. John Torres made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 2016 meeting as read; Bonnie Katz seconded. The motion was passed and the minutes were accepted.

President's Report:

- Liz Anastasi confirmed that 55 people attended the Mid-Winter conference.
- Please keep in mind anyone you know who may be interested in filling the open officer positions for the 2016-2017 year: we have Vice-President, Conference Chair, and Advocacy Chair available.
- WLA will be tabling at the Multi-Language Book Fair on April 8th; Liz reminded members to email Diana to volunteer.
- Elizabeth shared that the Youth Services Printz Pizza Party is scheduled for May 12th. She asked for \$250 to fund the program. Martha moved, and Sharon seconded, to pay \$250. All were in favor and the motion was approved.
- Annual Conference housekeeping: Conference Worksheets are due 3/11—2 college workshops, 2 youth services workshop and the advocacy workshop have been turned in. Battle of the Books may share a table with WLS at the conference. Online registration still needs to be set up. We need to get brochures out ASAP. We also discussed the contents necessary for the conference packet and the board member responsible for bringing them to the packing party:
 - Big white envelopes: Mallory
 - Conference badges: Liz
 - Ballot: Alex
 - Vendor Map: Martha
 - School/Public Library Cooperation Award and Winners: Elizabeth and Sarah
 - List of raffle donors and prizes: John
 - Receipt for registration payment of the conference: Sharon
 - Certificate for continuing ed. contact hours: Liz
 - Flyer announcing next year's professional development award: Diana
 - Treasurer's Report: Sharon
 - Annual meeting report for previous year's annual meeting: Mallory

Keynote Speaker:

- Sara heard from Roxane Orgil (children's author/former music critic). She's received starred reviews for her new book *Jazz Day: Story of a Photograph*.

- She reached out to James Patterson, but didn't hear back, and put in a request with Lee Woodruff, who is very expensive.
- Liz reached out to Valerie Gross and others. She did hear from Erika from Red Hook, who is interested.
- Bonnie liked the Roxane Orgil idea and Diana agreed—the music hook is interesting and the speech could be fun. The Village Bookstore can come with her books. Sara has looked at her speaking engagements on YouTube; we can give her talking points to tie into our theme (i.e. “music is the universal language”, music is the unifier of all communities; how did the library influence you?). Sara will ask if she has A/V needs.
- We can have a Q&A at the end if need be.
- Kim moved to vote on having Roxane Orgil as this year's keynote speaker; James seconded. All were in favor and the keynote speaker was approved.

Conference Houskeeping (cont.):

- The packing party will be Tuesday, May 3, at 6:30 in Mount Kisco. Please have all materials ready to go by Friday 4/29.
- The save-the-date will go out on Monday, March 14. Mallory will rework the one she created for the Mid-Winter conference and add the information about the keynote and her picture. We will post on listservs, NYLINE, etc. Terry will send to directors and James will post to Facebook.
- Pricing: we can ask that they leave the food out from 7:45 to 10:45 to respond to complaints from last year. The cost for food is \$60 per person. We discussed raising the price for this year's conference. Martha moved, and Diana seconded, to raise prices across the board by \$5:
 - Student and Retiree: \$50 for early bird, \$55 for registration after 4/15
 - Member: \$70 for early bird, \$75 for registration after 4/15
 - Non-Member: \$75 for early bird, \$100 for registration after registration after 4/15
 Sharon abstained from the vote; the remaining board members all voted yes. The motion was approved and the price change will go into effect with this year's conference.
- John volunteered to be this year's A/V point person.
- We do not have any photographers yet, but we can continue to reach out. Liz will ask some of the photographers who volunteered for Battle of the Books.
- Elena Falcone is interested in talking about Westchester Connections at the conference. We can have her do a workshop during the panel time. Diana suggested doing another session of workshops instead of a panel.

Web Administration:

- No report; the website is current and updated.

Youth Services Committee:

- The Printz Pizza Party is scheduled for May 12; fliers will go out when the location is finalized.
- The committee still needs nominations for the School/Public Library Cooperation Award—please contact Elizabeth and Sarah with your nominees.

College Committee:

- No report

Vendor Committee:

- Martha gave checks to Sharon; she is still waiting on several more.
- Bonnie suggested reaching out to DAE as a vendor and will send contact information to Martha.
- Diana will pass along contacts from the Multi-Language Book Fair.

Professional Development and Scholarship Committee:

- The committee has not yet received any applicants. Please spread the word!

Treasurer's Report:

- We paid \$231.62 for the Mock Awards.
- We have not paid Rebekkah yet; Liz will follow up.

Legislation Committee:

- No report.

Directory Committee:

- This committee still needs a chair.

Old Business

- LARC
 - Sara presented a formal proposal for having a joint conference with LARC. After much discussion, we decided that we will move in this direction for the future, but we don't want to rush into it. We will offer LARC member fees for this year's conference as a goodwill gesture and Liz will forward them our save-the-date but we will table the idea of formalizing a joint conference until the fall. James made the motion, and Linda seconded, to officially table the LARC discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Diana at 12:15; Linda seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mallory Harlen

Upcoming Meetings:

May 6, 2016: Annual Conference (Doubletree Hotel)