

WESTCHESTER LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
March 9, 2017
Mount Kisco Public Library

Present:

Kathryn Feeley, Eleanor Friedman, Martha Iwan, Bonnie Katz, Terry Kirchner, Diana Lennon, Mallory Marinaro, Sara Rodgers, Daniel Sabol, Linda Surovich, James Trapasso

Excused:

Liz Anastasi, Zahra Baird, Gina Bell, Alex Gaete, Dan Glauber, Maxine Grandison, Kathy Palovick, Elaine Provenzano, Sharon Rothman, John Torres

The meeting was called to order at 10: 13. Bonnie Katz made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 2017 meeting; Martha Iwan seconded. The motion was passed and the minutes were accepted.

President's Report:

- Sara reminded all WLA Board Members to please fill out your membership renewal.
- There are some board positions still available. Sara invited Dan Sabol to the meeting, to potentially serve as the chair for the Academic/Special Library committee. He works at Pace University, and formerly worked at Dobbs Ferry.
 - If you know anyone interested in serving on the board, please email Sara.
- Sara reviewed some of the commentary in the Mid-Winter Conference exit survey results. She noted that a lot of people weren't networking and wondered if people need more networking skills; this could be a possible professional development workshop. Martha suggested that might just be due to personality types; as Terry noted, this profession attracts a lot of introverts. Otherwise, the exit surveys were uniformly positive.
- WLA will have a table at the Multi Language Book Fair on April 6th.
- Sara attended a LARC/WLA Conference planning meeting; more will be discussed later in the meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

- Sharon sent a treasurer's report to board members via email.

Membership Report:

- Linda is still receiving membership forms. We currently have about 80 members.
- If people want to join WLA at the Professional Development workshop on 3/29, membership forms will be available.

Legislation Committee:

- Kathy did not have a report.
- Terry said that Advocacy Day went very well. The legislators were very positive. This year, there was an effort to increase letters to legislators and this initiative went well—they received twice as many than is typical. There was a strong library presence.

Reference Committee:

- Sara welcomed Kathryn Feeley, the director at Mount Kisco, who is interested in chairing the Reference committee and learning more about the committee. Kathryn has been at Mount Kisco for four years and was previously in Cleveland. Sara explained that the committee chair will find programming ideas for workshops and programs through the year. Kathryn asked if there is a

budget to work with for speakers; there is. Sara asked that Kathryn send her an email and resume, explaining how her skills will benefit WLA.

Conference Committee:

- We haven't received the final brochure from LARC yet, but we do have a schedule for the day.
- At the 3/29 Professional Development event, we can have information about the conference available.
- The LARC raffle committee asks each library to donate \$50 to contribute to baskets, each of which will have a theme. Sara asked if WLA can reach out to our libraries and do the same, or how we can otherwise help. Diana suggested making our own baskets with a theme. John Torres will still be involved. WLS can contribute money for the raffle; Terry suggested a WLA 50/50 raffle. John can be the point person the day of the conference.
- There will be navy and white lanyards.
- LARC needs volunteers for the day of at the raffle and registration tables. This is a good way to hone networking and fundraising skills.
- Reach out to your network and engage them in WLA events.
- WLA folders will be marked with a sticker.
- Next year, Sara suggests being stricter with paperwork from speakers; Terry suggested using a Memorandum of Understanding in future years.
- LARC is looking into Wild Apricot or Google Forms for online registration. Linda will share membership files with Jessica.
- Terry said that our primary focus is to get Westchester people to travel across the bridge to attend; he suggested that WLS can serve as a parking zone for carpooling. He will follow up with the building management people.

Vendor Committee:

- Martha has 6 vendors so far. She will email the vendor form to Terry.
- If registration is low, LARC may invite local authors, Friends groups, etc. at the Non-Profit price.
- Martha would prefer that vendors speak later in the day; Sara will email Jessica.

Professional Development Committee:

- The 3/29 workshop will take place at WLS at 10 a.m. It is posted on the website, was sent out to membership, and hard copies were sent to each library.
- There is another workshop tentatively set for 5/18 at the Ossining Library. This will be about teaching technology in the library. Amy Schapiro, Megan Fenton, and Christa DeFaber will be speaking. This will be an afternoon event.
- Terry will promote the workshops at PLDA.

Multi Language Book Fair:

- Will be taking place at WLS on April 6th.
- There is a \$50 charge to have a table, but Terry will tell Nancy not to charge WLA.
- Linda will send a flyer to membership.
- Mallory, Bonnie, and Terry volunteered to sit at the WLA table.

Youth Services Committee:

- Eleanor has posted the School and Public Library Cooperation Award on list servs. The deadline for the application is April 7th.
- It is open to private schools as well; Eleanor will post to HVLA.
- She has received one nomination so far.

- Bonnie suggested that Eleanor reach out to Gina Bell and Dan Glauber.

Old Business:

- Bonnie brought up gifting for board members. Terry said that there is a draft of a policy for this somewhere and he will double check. For less than five years on the board, a certificate and card is enough.
- Online voting came up in conversation; we can add a question to the ballot for this year's conference about whether or not members would prefer online voting to a paper ballot.

A motion to adjourn was made by James at 11:57; Martha seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mallory Marinaro

Upcoming Meetings:

April 13: WLS

May 5: 2017 LARC/WLA Annual Conference

June 8th: Location TBD