

WESTCHESTER LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
November 13, 2014
Mount Kisco Public Library

Present:

Liz Anastasi, Ann-Marie Cutul, Alexandra Gaete, Dan Glauber, Maxine Grandison, Martha Iwan, Bonnie Katz, Terry Kirchner, Diana Lennon, Kathleen Mannino, Leah Massar, Donna Pesce, Carolyn Reznick, Sara Rodgers, Sarah Rodriguez, Sharon Rothman, Rebecca Steere, and John Torres

Excused:

Mary Ayers, Tim Baird, Z. M. Baird, Gina Bell, Elizabeth Cerino, Valerie Herman, Joseph Mannozi, Maureen Petry, and Srivalli Rao

The meeting came to order at 10:15. Motion (Grandison/Reznick) to approve the Minutes from October 9, 2014, passed with two minor corrections.

President's Report:

- Mannino thanked President emeritus Katz for presiding over the October meeting. She welcomed two new members to the Board. Liz Anastasi, Reference and Young Adult Librarian at the Peekskill Public Library, has agreed to fill in the vacant Vice President/President elect position. Diana Lennon, Latino Programs and Services Librarian at the Greenburgh Public Library, will join the Reference section.
- Mannino is collecting job descriptions from Board members. Please email them to her by the extended deadline, December 11. She wants to put together a flow chart when all are in.

Treasurer's Report:

- Rothman reported that as of November 3, 2014, WLA had \$770.96 in the Checking Account and \$23,203.83 in the Savings Account with a combined balance of \$30,914.79.
- She cautioned Board members that WLA will run out of funds by 2020 if we continue spending more than we take in.
- Board members agreed to serve only coffee at meetings to cut down on expenses.

Membership Report:

- Cutul reported for Rao who was excused. Rao will send Glauber membership information for the website. She will send out a renewal email to all members in the database early next week. Rao will use her home address for membership dues.

Youth Services Section:

- Rodriguez reported that the section will host the Newbery, Printz, and Caldecott Mock Awards, January 15, 2015, at the White Plains Public Library. Board members unanimously agreed to a \$300 maximum budget. Kirchner offered a \$150 contribution from WLS.

Support Staff Section:

- Grandison will survey library support staff to find out what kind of programs they would like to see for the Annual Conference.

Public Relations Committee:

- Torres showed a copy of a mock up WLA Newsletter. He asked for library news articles. An editor will also be needed. Reznick will coordinate her Constant Contact emails with Torres.

Legislation Committee:

- Pesce reported that all incumbent state senators and assembly members have been re-elected except one. Terence P. Murphy is newly elected to district 40, replacing Greg Ball, who did not seek re-election.

Vendor Committee:

- Iwan reported that it is getting more and more difficult to get vendors to come to the Conference. Board members suggested inviting more non-profit organizations and include craft vendors. Kirchner suggested we sell “sponsorships” with vendor logos on a banner and conference handouts.

2015 Annual Conference:

Theme:

- Board members cast a unanimous vote for “*Reimagining the Basics.*”

Conference Committee:

- The Committee will set up a meeting before the end of the year. When discussing scheduling, more vendor time is needed. Time slots will also be needed for the Washington Irving awards.

Survey:

- Pesce reported that she has spoken informally to 25 public library staff about WLA and distributed a two page document with her findings.
- Mannino suggested the formation of an ad hoc committee to discuss the findings and to recommend future programs and fund raising ideas. Pesce, Lennon, Rothman, Katz and Gaete volunteered to form this committee.

The meeting was adjourned (Gaete/Glauber) at noon.

Respectfully submitted by Ann-Marie Cutul

Upcoming Meetings:

December 11, White Plains Public Library

January 8, 2015, at WLS, Tarrytown

February 19, 2015, at the Ossining Public Library

March 12, 2015, at the Greenburgh Public Library

April 9, 2015, at the Hastings Public Library