**WESTCHESTER LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting**

**October 11, 2012**

**Yonkers Grinton Will Library**

**Present:** Carol Angert, Mary Ayers, Gina Bell, Cheryl Berent, Pam Berger, Tata Canuelas, Ann-Marie Cutul, Ed Falcone, Dan Glauber, Maxine Grandison, Martha Iwan, Bonnie Katz, Terry Kirchner, Leah Massar, Towanda Mathurin, Donna Pesce, Srivalli Rao, and Susan Thaler

**Excused:** Judy Ashby, Tim Baird, Zahra M. Baird, Valerie Herman, Diana Matson, Sharon Rothman, and Jessica Tagliaferro

The meeting came to order at 10:15. Motion (Ayers/Angert) to approve the Minutes from September 13, passed with one correction.

**President’s Report:**

* Glauber reported that Randy Cohen, keynote speaker at the upcoming Mid-Winter Conference, has accepted a $1000 honorarium plus minor travel costs. Glauber has also been in touch with Andromeda Yelton, author of the 9/15/12 *Library Journal* article “The Ethics of Ebooks.” She is requesting $500 plus travel and lodging expenses. Kirchner interjected that WLS is willing to contribute $500. Board members voted to set a maximum of $250 to cover Yelton’s extra expenses.
* Glauber has also contacted Peggy Cadigan as a possible speaker at the Mid-Winter Conference.

Ms. Cadigan is Associate State Librarian for Innovation and Outreach Strategies at the New Jersey State Library and was a 2010 LJ Mover & Shaker. Board members voted to offer Cadigan a maximum of $750, $500 for the honorarium, and $250 for travel/lodging expenses.

* Glauber mentioned that Gaete is working on a “Save the Date” flyer. He asked Katz to contact Reznick to work on a Constant Contact Newsletter.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

* Falcone reported that as of September 30, 2012, WLA had $8,589.13 in the Checking Account and $31,003.74 in the Savings Account with a combined balance of $39,594.05.

**Membership Report:**

* Rao reported that she will send out a mass email membership renewal before Thanksgiving. It will be coordinated with the publicity for the Mid-Winter Conference.
* Rao is now at Mercy’s Yorktown Campus, and forms will be changed accordingly.

**Web Administration Committee:**

* Glauber will put up the photos from the Annual Conference on the WLA website.

**Youth Services Committee:**

* Canuelas reported that the Anne Izzard Committee meets monthly to review books published in 2011 and 2012. The Committee is busy paring down the choices for the Awards presentation at the White Plains Library in May or June 2013.

**Reference Section:**

* Ayers suggested the National Book Critics Circle as a source for Conference speakers, possibly for the topic of paid reviews. She also proposed a session on “Unconferencing.” Kirchner interjected that METRO offers such sessions.

**Legislative Committee:**

* Pesce reported that there were two items of interest this past month. According to ALA, the Association of American Publishers (AAP) has announced a settlement in its lawsuit filed in 2005 against Google. On October 3, 2012, Governor Andrew Cuomo vetoed a NYLA 2012 Legislative Priority bill which proposed eliminating the disincentive for library system mergers.

**Professional Development Committee:**

* Matson was excused. Mathurin will contact Matson for the current status.

**Other Committee Reports:**

* WLS Representative Kirchner mentioned an upcoming Digital Literacy workshop to be held at WLS November 14, 2012, and again, April 19, 2013. Angert interjected that the Goodwill Community Foundation runs a similar workshop.
* Kirchner also mentioned that WLS will hold its Annual Meeting November 14 at Historic Hudson Valley.

**Midwinter Conference:**

* Mathurin will check on the breakfast options before we decide on pricing. Voting will be done by email.
* Falcone was confident PayPal would work well for us.
* Glauber will ask the Pleasantville Village Bookstore to be on hand to sell Randy Cohen’s new book *Be Good: How to Navigate the Ethics of Everything*.
* Glauber will work on the schedule.

**Annual Conference:**

* Glauber suggested we start thinking about a theme. He proposed “Cooperation.” A Board member mentioned that we had discussed having “Common Core” as a topic for a session. Berger interjected that “Close Read”, i.e. a close reading of a literary passage, is particularly important, and that she had just run a four day workshop on this topic. Glauber asked Berger to do a presentation at the Conference, and she agreed. Berger further suggested incoming ALA president Barbara Stripling as a keynote speaker and said she would be willing to contact her.

**Miscellaneous:**

* Glauber will check with De Luca if she is still interested in managing the Logo Contest.
* Canuelas mentioned that the White Plains Library will hold its first annual multicultural book fair this Saturday at 11 A.M.

The meeting was adjourned (Rao/Grandison) at 11:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by Ann-Marie Cutul

**Upcoming Meetings:**

**November 8, 2012, at Mount Kisco Public Library**

**December 13, 2012, at Scarsdale Public Library**

**All meetings to be held 10 A.M. to 12 Noon**

**January 7, 2013, Mid-Winter Conference at Westchester Community College**

**(Snowdate January 14)**