

WESTCHESTER LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
White Plains Public Library
October10, 2013

Present:

Mary Ayers, Tata Canuelas, Ann-Marie Cutul, Ed Falcone, Debbie Fletcher, Alexandra Gaete, Martha Iwan, Bonnie Katz, Kathleen Mannino, Donna Pesce, Maureen Petry, Srivalli Rao, Sara Rodgers, Sharon Rothman, and Augusta Turner

Excused:

Tim Baird, Z. M. Baird, Gina Bell, Dan Glauber, Maxine Grandison, Valerie Herman, Terry Kirchner, Joseph Mannozi, Leah Massar, Towanda Mathurin, Carolyn Reznick, Jessica Tagliaferro, and John Torres

The meeting came to order at 10:20. Motion (Mannino/Iwan) to approve the Minutes from September 12, 2013, passed.

President's Report:

- Katz announced that there were several responses to the Reference Committee Help Wanted ad. One of them was by Tarrytown Library director Maureen Petry who was present at the meeting. Petry will join Ayers and Turner in the Reference section.
- Katz also mentioned that the contract for Constant Contact has been renewed.
- The date for the Mid-Winter Conference is set for January 6 with a snow date of January 13. Katz has discussed the menu with Don Hennessy, Director of Dining Services at WCC.
- Katz also mentioned that she has been in touch with Rebecca Smith Aldridge about a workshop on Library architecture and learning accommodation for the Annual Conference. She also suggested partnering with Mid-Hudson for a possible panel.

Treasurer's Report:

- Falcone reported that as of September 30, 2013, WLA had \$7,465.90 in the Checking Account and \$27,719.89 in the Savings Account with a combined balance of \$35,185.79.

Membership Committee:

- Rao announced that WLA currently has 214 members. She will send out membership renewals before Thanksgiving and mid-December.

Reference Section:

- Turner suggested a demonstration of online learning by Linda Braun using Google Hangout for the Mid-Winter Conference. Board members expressed reservations regarding a remote presentation, should the technology fail. They felt there should be a back-up presenter, possibly complementing the online presentation and fielding questions from the audience. Ayers also mentioned she had contacted EdX and is awaiting an answer. Other ideas were discussed, such as "Online Legacies." Board members agreed on \$250 as a standard honorarium for each presenter.

Youth Services Section:

- Fletcher reported that 67 people responded to a survey asking about having a mock awards event in January 2014. The Committee is currently working on finding a date, time, and location for the event and will contact people who volunteered to facilitate a

group. Fletcher asked about a budget for the event, and motion (Turner/Mannino) passed to set the limit at \$250.

Support Staff Section:

- Katz reported for Grandison who was excused. Grandison has scheduled a conference call with Carla A. Harris in the beginning of November to discuss her being the keynote speaker at the Annual Conference.

Professional Development Committee:

- Rothman will take over managing the Professional Development Award from Matson, and she will contact her for more information. Rao will mention the Award in the membership renewal email that is going out mid-November.

Mid-Winter Conference:

- The Coffee/Tea service will be replenished and will include bottled juices/water, muffins, scones, bagels and a fruit bowl for \$7.50 per person. The refreshments will remain available.
- Gaete will compose a "Save the Date" flier.
- Motion (Turner/Ayers) passed to charge \$25 for members and \$40 for non-members.
- The title will be a variation on the theme "Closing the Distance." The Conference Committee will finalize the theme.

Vendors:

- Katz issued a plea to Board members for suggestions for vendors for the Annual Conference. The expense of the Conference is offset by vendor fees, and vendors have decreased over the last few years.

The meeting was adjourned (Fletcher/Gaete) at 12 Noon.

Respectfully submitted by Ann-Marie Cutul

Upcoming Meetings:

Thursday, November 14, 2013, at the College of New Rochelle

Thursday, December 12, 2013, at the Ossining Public Library

Monday, January 6, 2014, Mid-Winter Conference at the Gateway Center, W.C.C.;
snow date January 13, 2014

Thursday, February 13, 2014, at the Tarrytown Public Library

Thursday, March 13, 2014, at the White Plains Public Library

Thursday, April 10, 2014, at the Mount Kisco Public Library