

WESTCHESTER LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
October 8, 2015
Ossining Public Library

Present:

Liz Anastasi, Mallory Harlen, Bonnie Katz, Linda Surovich, James Trapasso

Excused:

Tim Baird, Z.B. Baird, Elizabeth Coppola, Alex Gaete, Dan Glauber, Martha Iwan, Terry Kirchner, Diana Lennon, Joseph Mannozi, Donna Pesce, Maureen Petry, Carolyn Reznick, Sara Rodgers, Sarah Rodriguez, Sharon Rothman, Rebecca Steere, John Torres,

The meeting was called to order at 10:15. As there was not a quorum present, the minutes of the September 10, 2015 were tabled. The minutes will be read and voted upon at the November Board of Directors meeting.

President's Report:

- Liz Anastasi began by noting the low attendance at recent meetings. She wondered if there was a better day and time to have more members present at the monthly meetings; we can discuss this at the November meeting. She also announced the exciting news that she will be moving to the Greenburgh Library this month.
- She also revisited the Continuing Education event we had discussed at the September meeting. She has not heard from Sharon about scheduling Linda to conduct her presentation. This event may need to be moved back to the early winter to give us time to schedule and publicize it. Liz will follow up with Sharon and, if necessary, Linda.

Treasurer's Report:

- Sharon was not present to provide her report; Liz does not believe we received the Metro check.

Membership Report:

- No report. Linda Surovich is working on scheduling a time to meet with Srivalli to conduct her training.

Web Administration:

- No report

Reference Committee:

- No report

College Committee:

- No report

Youth Services Committee:

- No report. Sarah Rodriguez made available fliers for the WLS and WLA Performers' Showcase to be held on Tuesday, November 10th, as well as promotional material for the WLA/WLS 2016 Mock Printz Awards to be held January 7th.

Support Staff Section:

- No report

Conference Committee:

- We still need a chair for this committee
- Sara had contacted the Double Tree regarding holding the conference on May. One of the dates we had been looking at is booked, but we will hopefully be able to book the second day.
- We discussed some of the feedback we had received from this year's conference: keep a stricter schedule, have vendors do presentations, try to get community organizations involved (in keeping with our theme of Community)—SLA is interested in having a table and possibly paying for a speaker.
- Jimmy suggested Going Green/Being Solar-Powered as a potential vendor/presenter; Ossining Mayor Victoria Gearity could be a good contact for this.
- Linda suggested the Westchester Historical Society as an organization to include at the conference.
- We discussed having a workshop on Library Security (including emergency situations and scenarios) instead of a panel.
- The Village Bookstore is a great presence; Jimmy suggested having them there all day with a variety of books from different genres.
- Bonnie suggested tables where people could have a different library-related topic to discuss; this could help with the downtime problem.
- Liz still hasn't heard from Z. regarding the Washington Irving Awards.
- Liz asked that we all think of phrasing to use to promote the conference and to share at the next meeting.

Public Relations Committee:

- No report

Legislation Committee:

- No report

Professional Development Committee:

- This committee still needs a chair.

Vendor Committee:

- No report.

Directory Committee:

- This committee still needs a chair.

Old Business

- Liz will write up job descriptions for the chairperson roles that are currently open and will send to Terry and Dan, who can upload them to the website. She will also follow up with Carolyn Reznick for the status of Constant Contact.
- Sara will reach out to LARC and invite their conference chair to an upcoming meeting.

New Business

- Bonnie asked about hosting a Mid-Winter Conference this year. She said that it would offer bang for the buck in terms of membership dues and the conference has been successful in the past. It's usually hosted at the Gateway Center during the WCC intersession and typically is a half-day with a keynote and two sessions. We agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Linda at 11:16; Jimmy seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mallory Harlen

Upcoming Meetings:

November 12, 2015 at the Greenburgh Library
December 10, 2015 at the White Plains Library