

**WESTCHESTER LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting**  
**October 13, 2016**  
**Warner Library**

**Present:**

Alex Gaete, Maxine Grandison, Bonnie Katz, Diana Lennon, Mallory Marinaro, Kathy Palovick, Maureen Petry, Elaine Provenzano, Sara Rodgers, Sharon Rothman, Linda Surovich, John Torres, James Trapasso

**Excused:**

Liz Anastasi, Zahra Baird, Dan Glauber, Martha Iwan, Terry Kirchner, Joseph Manozzi

The meeting was called to order at 10: 07. Linda Surovich made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 2016 meeting; Bonnie Katz seconded. The motion was passed and the minutes were accepted.

**President's Report:**

- Liz Anastasi and Bonnie Katz have communicated with Jessica Bowen of LARC and Liz went to a LARC board meeting; LARC has drafted a collaboration agreement that will be discussed under New Business.
- The Battle of the Books competition will be held on October 15<sup>th</sup> at Ossining High School. Sara proposed to provide financial support to Battle of the Books with funds for snacks. Sharon made a motion to provide \$200 to the Battle of the Books committee to use for supplemental food at their discretion. Diana seconded. All board members were in favor and the motion passed.
- Sara put out queries for vacant WLA board positions. Denise Lyles could not come to this meeting but is interested in the Youth Services committee.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Sharon sent the report to the WLA board via email and will post to the Wiki

**Web Administration**

- No report
- Dan is looking into creating a WLA tech email to use in order connect our website to a Wordpress account. This will allow us to install a plugin to help us track website statistics. The Web committee chair, President and Vice President will have the login information for this email. Sara will follow up with Dan about this.

**Professional Development and Scholarship Committee:**

- The committee sent Suzy Zavarella a letter congratulating her on winning the Professional Development scholarship. It will be formally presented to her at the Mid-Winter conference.
- Dan will put the application for the 2017 award on the WLA website.
- Diana and Elaine will send hard copies to each library. Alex will publicize and Linda will send to membership.

**Reference Committee:**

- No report

**Academic and Special Libraries Committee:**

- No report
- Elaine told the board about the very successful "Get Carded Day" at Manhattanville.

### **Youth Services Committee:**

- We need chairs for this committee.

### **Legislation Committee:**

- Kathy asked what WLA has done for Library Advocacy Day in the past. WLS used to send a bus to Albany. Kathy reached out to Donna for information and is waiting to hear back.
- Sharon suggested inviting legislators to the Mid-Winter conference.
- Sara suggested Kathy join an advocacy listserv.

### **Support Staff Committee:**

- No report.

### **Conference Committee:**

- We discussed our the theme of the 2017 Mid-Winter Conference and decided to ask Erica Freudenberger, keynote, what her theme will be and what she will speak about, and then we can create public relations material from there. She is a strong proponent of community engagement.

### **Vendor Report**

- No report.

### **Public Relations Committee:**

- No report.
- WLS is hosting a workshop on the CANVA software that many board members were interested in attending.

### **Membership Report:**

- No report.

### **New Business:**

- 2017 Annual Conference with LARC
  - LARC's Jessica Bowen came to go over the letter of agreement that LARC had drafted for the 2017 and 2018 conferences. The WLA board made a variety of changes to the draft, including changing the agreement to state that both WLA and LARC will be responsible for contributing \$2,500 towards expenses, primarily for the purpose of hiring a keynote speaker. This would include travel and other speaker expenses.
  - The LARC conference is usually at the Crowne Plaza in Suffern and they serve breakfast, coffee, and lunch.
  - WLA members will be involved with planning the conference with LARC members.
  - There was much discussion about the agreement and the idea of partnering with LARC. In order to allow both organizations to begin to plan their conference(s) in a timely fashion, the WLA board agreed to do an electronic vote on this issue. After the LARC agreement is voted on by their board, Mallory will email to WLA board members and tally the votes. A minimum of nine board members need to vote for this to be official and the results will be officially ratified at the next meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by James at 11:48; Sharon seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mallory Marinaro

**Upcoming Meetings:**

**November 10, 2016: Ossining Library**

**December 8, 2016: Greenburgh Library**