

WESTCHESTER LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
September 8, 2016
Dobbs Ferry Public Library

Present:

Liz Anastasi, Alex Gaete, Dan Glauber, Maxine Grandison, Bonnie Katz, Diana Lennon, Mallory Marinaro, Kathy Palovick, Sara Rodgers, Sharon Rothman, John Torres, James Trapasso

Excused:

Zahra Baird, Marth Iwan, Joseph Manozzi, Maureen Petry, Linda Surovich

The meeting was called to order at 10: 12. Diana Lennon made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 2016 meeting, provided that the several small changes are made; Dan Glauber seconded. The motion was passed and the minutes were accepted.

President's Report:

- New WLA President Sara Rodgers welcomed the Board to the Dobbs Ferry library and began by thanking the board for their hard work in coordinating the Annual Conference. We had a record number of attendees. Sara and Liz will work together on the results of the Conference survey.
- There are several changes in the board:
 - Sarah Rodriguez and Elizabeth Coppola have stepped down as Youth Services co-chairs. If you have anyone in mind to serve on this committee, please encourage them to contact Sara or James.
 - Rebecca Steere has stepped down from the College committee.
 - Donna Pesce has resigned from the Board. Kathy Palovick will be her successor as chair of the Legislation committee.
 - As Bonnie Katz is now Conference Co-Chair, she will need someone to replace her on the Reference committee.
 - We should contact Denise Lyles (Scholarship winner) to see if she would be interested in serving on the board.
- If any board members needs help accessing the WLA wiki, please contact Sara or Dan. Sharon will be posting the Treasurer's report on the wiki going forward instead of providing hard copies at each board meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

- Sharon will send the report to board members the week of September 12 and post on the wiki 48 hours before the meeting.
- Sharon asked if all speakers have been paid for the conference. Please double check and let Sharon know.

Web Administration

- Ryan at White Plains has been paying for our website's domain name and server with his own credit card and has never asked to be reimbursed.
- Any website changes should be sent to Dan. He is working on putting slides and information together from the conference. Going forward, we can put a sentence in the speaker agreement asking speakers if they will provide their slides to be posted on the WLA website.
- Dan will look into seeing if we can check website statistics.
- Tim Baird posts jobs to the website.

- Board vacancies can be sent out to membership by Linda Surovich; we can confirm vacancies and have her email members.

Professional Development and Scholarship Committee:

- As discussed at the June meeting, scholarship winner Denise Lyles was unable to attend her planned conference in North Carolina, as it was canceled. Because of this, she has declined the scholarship.
- The new scholarship winner is Suzy Zavarella from Ossining.
- The new application will be posted on the website.

Reference Committee:

- No report

College Committee:

- No report

Youth Services Committee:

- We need chairs.

Legislation Committee:

- Kathy is the new chair of this committee.

Support Staff Committee:

- No report.

Conference Committee:

- Our Mid-Winter speaker, Erica Freudenberger, is booked.
- Mallory and James will speak to their director about hosting the conference again in January.
- Think about the structure for the Mid-Winter conference (Speakers and a Keynote, just the keynote, etc.)—make suggestions to Liz and Bonnie.
- Brainstorm ideas for the Annual Conference theme and keynote.

Vendor Report

- No report.
- This was the most vendors we have had in recent years!

Public Relations Committee:

- No report.
- The newsletter was brought up. As membership chair, Linda has been sending news items out to members.

Membership Report:

- No report.
- A renewal notice will go out in November.
- Srivalli used to hold new memberships coming in September and after, until January; we'll revisit this when Linda is here to discuss.

New Business:

- Bylaws
 - Dan will look over the bylaws.
- 2017 Annual Conference and Meeting With Larc
 - LARC's Jessica Bowen was in attendance to discuss a partnership between the two organizations. Their conference is held every other year, meaning that LARC would host the 2017 conference and WLA would host in 2018. Not having a conference this year would free up money we could use to contribute to a keynote speaker.
 - The LARC conference is usually in Suffern.
 - They do not have vendors; it would be great to give our usual vendors a bigger audience.
 - They do not have any academic libraries in their organization.
 - The LARC conference does not double as an annual meeting.
 - We would collaborate on planning.
 - Sharon suggested that "Sibling Libraries" of similar size and/or demographic could meet at a roundtable at the conference.
 - Theme suggestion: Building Bridges (a play on the new Tappan Zee)
 - Jessica will meet with Bonnie and Liz to come up with an agreement for the two associations to vote on.
 - Bonnie wondered if LARC has a Terry Kirchner equivalent, to sign off on purchases with vendors?
 - LARC had a profit of \$3,000 at their last conference.
 - Their annual meeting is similar in structure to our Mid-Winter. To satisfy the terms of our bylaws, we could have the annual meeting at the Mid-Winter conference or have it built in to the conference with LARC. We will discuss at the next meeting.
 - Sharon will provide any financial information needed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kathy at 11:23; Diana seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mallory Harlen

Upcoming Meetings:

October 13, 2016: Warner Library

November 10, 2016: Ossining Library

December 8, 2016: Greenburgh Library