

WESTCHESTER LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
August 5, 2010
White Plains PublicLibrary

Present: Diane Batemarco, Pam Berger, Aurora Cruz, Ann-Marie Cutul, K. De Luca, Ed Falcone, Dan Glauber, Harriet Huang, Melissa Iamónico, Diana Matson, Cathy Paulsen, Srivalli Rao, Carolyn Reznick, Sharon Rothman, Jessica Tagliaferro, and Susan Thaler

Excused: Tim Baird, Zahra M. Baird, Maxine Grandison, Craig McMahon, John Monahan, and Pam Thornton

The meeting came to order at 10:07. Motion (De Luca/Paulsen) to accept the Minutes from April 8 and June 10, 2010, passed with two corrections.

President's Report:

- Thaler thanked Board members for their hard work for the May Annual Conference.
- She then welcomed new board members, Pam Berger, the new BOCES representative, and Diana Matson, new College section member from Westchester Community College. Thaler also introduced visiting guest, Dr. Nancy Keating, Interim Director of Yonkers School Library Services. She further noted the resignations of Hopkins as Conference Vendor Chair and Cutul as Raffle Chair. Thaler also pointed out the need for another member in the Reference and Support Staff sections. Mary Beth Kendrick, Michelle Halpern and Kate Colquitt have also resigned from the Board.
- Thaler reported that a committee (Thaler, Tagliaferro, Cutul, and Batemarco) have looked at old WLA material stored at the Westchester County Archives. The committee is weeding the contents of numerous boxes, which will be transferred to the Westchester County Historical Society to be preserved and cataloged.
- Thaler would like to have more input from WLA members about what events they would like to see. Iamónico suggested events for school librarians, and she and Berger volunteered to explore further.

Vice-President/President Elect's report:

- Tagliaferro announced that she has set up a Wiki through PBWorks for WLA Board members. Invitations have been issued, and she will resend them to make sure all are able to join.

Treasurer's Report:

- Falcone reported that as of July 31, 2010, WLA had \$15,649.35 in the Checking Account and \$24,017.25 in the Savings Account with a combined balance of \$39,666.60.
- Falcone has also filed a tax statement with IRS. He inquired whether WLA needs to keep a P.O. Box. Board members suggested he contact WLS to see if WLA can have a permanent address there.

Membership Report:

- Rao reported that WLA has 215 members for 2010. She will send out email renewal notices around Thanksgiving and then follow up with notices via U.S. mail for the non respondents. Board members suggested we revisit using PayPal as a payment option. Glauber will check into this. Glauber further suggested setting up forms to fill in electronically. Tagliaferro may have a software program to facilitate this.
- Rao will send information for a WLA flier to Publicity Chair McMahon. McMahon will be encouraged to assemble an email distribution list. Rao will further work with McMahon on enhancing our social network tools (Facebook and Twitter). Cruz will send out the new url for Facebook.
- Reznick volunteered to look into using Constant Contact for distribution. Motion (Glauber/DeLuca) to sign up for the program, costing around \$300, passed.

Reference Section:

- Paulsen will contact Mary Ayers at Mount Kisco to see if she is interested in joining the Reference Committee.

College Section:

- Batemarco, Matson and the other members of the section have discussed possible topics and speakers for the 2011 Annual Conference.

Legislation Committee:

- Glauber announced that legislators Sandy Galef and Mike Spano were present at the Annual Conference.
- Glauber further announced that the New York State 2010-2011 Budget has finally passed in its entirety. There are severe cuts to libraries and library systems in New York. Berger interjected that some School Library Systems might have to close if the September vote for Supplementary Aid does not go through.
- Rothman suggested we advocate for libraries at the local offices of the legislators.

Professional Development Committee:

- Iamonico announced that she has received the first report from one of this year's scholarship winners, Yelena Alekseyeva-Popova. The report will be posted on the WLA wiki.
- The Committee further recommends that we have two awards, one a Professional Development award for both librarians and non-librarians up to \$500, and one for a library school student working towards his or her MLS, in the amount of \$500. Motion (Reznick/Iamonico) carried with one opposed.

Washington Irving Committee:

- De Luca distributed a list of Westchester fiction and non-fiction writers with works published in 2010. She has received an invitation on behalf of WLA to host the award ceremony at Washington Irving's Sunnyside. De Luca will check into this further.

Annual Conference:

- Thaler reiterated the need for a Vendor Chair and Raffle Coordinator.
- Board members discussed keynote speakers briefly. Will Shortz and Jeffery Deaver were suggested. This year's keynote speaker, Adriana Trigiani, has offered to get a speaker for us. Author Ben Cheever has also offered his help.

The meeting was adjourned (Tagliaferro/Cruz) at 12 Noon.

Respectfully submitted by Ann-Marie Cutul

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, September 21 at White Plains Public Library

Thursday, October 14, T.B.A.

Meetings to be held 10 A.M. – 12 Noon