

WESTCHESTER LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
December 1, 2009
White Plains Public Library

Present: Diane Batemarco, Aurora Cruz, Ann-Marie Cutul, Ed Falcone, Dan Glauber, Maxine Grandison, Carolyn Reznick, Sharon Rothman, Susan Thaler and Pam Thornton

Excused: Tim Baird, Zahra M. Baird, Michelle Halpern, Harriet Huang, Melissa Iamónico, John Monahan, Cathy Paulsen, and Srivalli Rao

The meeting came to order at 10:10 A.M. Motion (Thaler/Reznick) to accept the Minutes from November 5, 2009, passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- Falcone reported that as of November 27, 2009, WLA had \$9,071.44 in the Checking Account and \$30,006.83 in the Savings Account with a combined total of \$39,078.27.

College Section:

- Batemarco reported that she has one confirmed speaker for the Annual Conference. Kate Todd, Emerging Technologies Librarian at Manhattanville College, will discuss *Libraries, Literacy and Gaming: a Manhattanville College grant*.
- Batemarco will invite a second speaker to give a presentation at the Annual Conference this afternoon, Kathryn Shaughnessy. Shaughnessy is an Instructional Services Librarian and Senior Fellow for Teaching and Learning at St. John's University in Queens. Her topic would be "Information and Communication Technology Literacy in the Library."
- Batemarco has joined the Waldo listserv and sent out an introductory letter about WLA and its activities. She will also post the link to the WLA membership page.

Support Staff Section:

- Grandison is working with Dr. David La Rocco on his presentation for the Annual.

Legislation Committee:

- Glauber reported that we have no new state legislators, only a new County Executive, Rob Astorino. He will invite Astorino and different legislators to speak at lunch time at the Annual Conference.

Professional Development Committee:

- Glauber reported that he had been in touch with Chair Iamónico who was excused. They propose we open the award to Support Staffers who are WLA members in good standing. Discussion also followed about increasing the amount of the award. Motion (Grandison/Reznick) to increase the budget to \$1000 in total

for one or more awards, passed. Glauber will redo the application to fit these new guidelines. In the meantime, he will notify Tim Baird to change the contact person to Melissa Iamónico on the web application.

Directory Committee:

- Co-Chair Thornton inquired about any special needs for the 2010 WLA Directory. Cutul suggested she create an index for Special Collections which was discussed at a previous Board meeting.

March Social Event:

- Reznick reported on the arrangements with O'Malley's Bar and Restaurant for March 4, 2010. Her budget is \$1200 plus money for gratuities, honorarium for narrator Alan Sklar and dessert. Reznick will also contact Jim Mahoney about the Trudell Scholarship which, traditionally, is given out at this event.

Annual Conference:

- Thaler reported on the teleconference she held with the Conference Committee 11/19. Attending were Rothman, Z.M. Baird, Cruz, Halpern, and Thaler. The following was suggested and accepted by the Board:

Theme:

- **Libraries, Evolve, Enrich & Empower**

Schedule:

8:00-3:00pm Registration
8:00-8:45am Breakfast, Vendors
8:45-9:00am Business Meeting
9:00-9:45am Hot Topics/Vendors
9:45-11:00am Morning Sessions
11:15-12:30pm Midday Sessions
12:30-12:45pm Vendors
12:45-2:00pm Lunch, Awards & Legislators
1:30-2:00pm Keynote speaker
2:00-2:30pm Vendors, Book Signing & Raffle
2:30-3:45pm Afternoon Sessions

There is a possibility of 12 workshops.

Speakers/Presenters:

- 5 workshop presenters are confirmed (plus College section speaker Kate Todd).
- Keynote speaker Adriana Trigiani is committed but not yet confirmed.
- Speakers will receive complimentary lunches.

Publicity:

- Halpern will create a "Save the Date" mailing once keynote speaker is confirmed.

- She will also create a flyer with added information about confirmed workshops for distribution at the Midwinter Event February 3, 2010.

Speaker deadline:

- Sections need to have all their workshops confirmed and submitted to the Conference Committee by Friday, January 29, 2010.

Pricing:

- Attendance fees will stay the same as last year, and there will be Early Bird Registration.

Honoraria:

- Keynote speaker: Maximum \$1,000
- Workshop speakers: Maximum \$250 per workshop including transportation.

Vendors:

- Price will be \$250 per table. One member from each company will be entitled to a free lunch. Committee will contact Hopkins for further details.

Next teleconference will be Thursday, December 10, at 2:00 p.m.

Speaker suggestion:

- Glauber will contact Jerry Nichols, Director of Palmer Institute for Public Library Organization and Management at LIU, and Jim Farrell, director of the Ossining Public Library, to see if either of them would be willing to speak at a workshop.

The meeting was adjourned (Reznick/Grandison) at 11:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by Ann-Marie Cutul

Upcoming Meetings 2010:

January 14

February 25

March 16

April 8

All meetings to be held 10 A.M. – 12 Noon

Locations to be determined