

**WESTCHESTER LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting**  
**April 14, 2011**  
**Chappaqua Public Library**

**Present:** Mary Ayers, Zahra M. Baird, Diane Batemarco, Aurora Cruz, Ann-Marie Cutul, K. DeLuca, Ed Falcone, Dan Glauber, Bonnie Katz, Cathy Paulsen, Carolyn Reznick, Sharon Rothman, Jessica Tagliaferro, Susan Thaler, and Pam Thornton

**Excused:** Tim Baird, Valerie Herman, Harriet Huang, Melissa Iamonico, Nancy Keating, John Monahan, and Srivalli Rao

The meeting came to order at 9:35. Motion (Glauber/Rothman) to accept the Minutes from March 10, 2011, passed.

**President's Report:**

- Thaler reported that she has asked Terry Kirchner if WLS would fund some of our programs geared toward Children's and Young Adult Librarians, and he said yes.
- Thaler will send out an email (with a deadline) to Board members to find out if they intend to stay on the Board. Cruz has announced that she will step down as Conference Chair after the May Conference but that she will work with the incoming Chair.
- Thaler has been informed by John Monahan that he is retiring as BOCES SLS Director.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Falcone reported that as of March 31, 2011, WLA had \$16,310.57 in the Checking Account and \$24,025.18 in the Savings Account with a combined balance of \$40,335.75.
- In addition, Falcone has received \$600 in membership checks. He also reported that the PayPal transfers have been going smoothly so far.

**Membership Report:**

- Cutul reported for Rao who was excused. As of today WLA has 191 members. Rao has sent out a few emails to members regarding the Conference information, Early Bird registration, and Membership Renewal. 35 people have used PayPal to renew their membership.
- Rao will be away till May 7 with limited access to her email.

**Web Administration Committee:**

- DeLuca reported that Ryan Jackson from the White Plains Library is working on the revision of the WLA home page.

**College Section:**

- Batemarco reported that she has sent out conference information on the Waldo listserv.

**Youth Services:**

- Zahra M. Baird reported that she and Iamonico will resign as Co-Chairs in July.
- Baird will still be active arranging the Awards Buzz program early in 2012. The Committee will set up a blog with a link from the WLA home page to help in the planning process for this event. Baird asked about funding, and Thaler volunteered to ask Terry Kirchner of WLS for \$500 to cover the event.

- The WLA/WLS Performers Showcase will be held in November 2011. A subcommittee is being formed to plan and arrange the event. Tee Cotter (POR), Tata Canuelas (WHI), and Marci Dressler (OSS) will be on the committee. The cost will be between \$175 and \$200.
- The Committee also has ideas for other events, such as an Ice Cream/Sherbet Social for School Library/Public Library Cooperation; a Publishers Showcase, and a program on How to Curate Student Film Festivals.

**Public Relations Committee:**

- Reznick reported that a Constant Contact WLA Newsletter went out this morning.

**Legislation Committee:**

- Glauber reported that the New York Governor proposed a 10% cut in Library Aid which would have reduced funding to 1994 levels. In the end Library aid was reduced by 6% or \$5.4 million.
- Glauber further reported that he has not heard back for the legislators whom he has invited to the Conference.

**Professional Development Committee:**

- Glauber reported that he has sent out Award information packets to all Westchester public libraries via their directors. He has received three partial applications. Since the deadline is April 15, Board members suggested and decided to extend it to April 25.
- Tagliaferro and Thornton will assist with reading the applications. The Board also decided that it is OK to use scholarship money for travel related expenses.

**Washington Irving Committee:**

- DeLuca reported that the Committee has selected 17 award winners of which 12 will be attending. DeLuca circulated an informative pamphlet and two attractive fliers. Westchester libraries have received display kits. Keynote speaker Godin and all the authors in attendance will be available for book signings. The Committee continues to prepare for the Conference.

**School/ Public Library Cooperation Award:**

- Cutul reported for Monahan who was excused. Monahan has received a number of submissions. There will be 3-4 Cooperation Awards to be handed out at the Annual Conference. Monahan will contact Judith Rovenger for procedures and practices. He will involve Pam Berger and Nancy Keating, as well.

**Annual Conference:**

*Registration:*

- 95 people have registered for the Conference so far.

*Workshop Credit:*

- Reznick will send out a notice via Constant Contact for Conference registrants to contact Thaler if they need credit for attending a workshop. Each workshop will count for 1.25 hr.

*Raffle Prizes:*

- There will be no 50/50, but each vendor will have raffle tickets to give out at their discretion.
- Each registrant will also receive a ticket in his/her packet. Raffle prizes (donations) so far are:  
BBC Natural History Collection Blu-ray set – Audio Go

Keurig – Green Mountain Coffee  
Dual membership - Jacob Burns Film Center + 400 popcorn/soda vouchers  
Sony Digital Reader – Overdrive  
MP3s – Recorded Books  
Mosaic Table – SEBCO Books  
10 Juvenile DVDs – Spoken Arts  
Raffle basket of DVDs – Midwest Tape  
3 gift certificates @ \$25 each to be purchased

*Sponsorship:*

- Arcari and Iovino is sponsoring the Conference breakfast.

**Future Workshops:**

- Thornton proposed scheduling a session at next year's Conference on the impact of the 2 % tax cap. She suggested we ask Prof. Jerry Nichols of Long Island University to be the speaker which would draw many library directors.
- Cruz suggested we book the 2012 Conference very soon.
- Board members also suggested we have a social event in the fall of this year.

The meeting adjourned (Zahra M. Baird/Glauber) at 11:20.

Respectfully submitted by Ann-Marie Cutul

**Upcoming Meetings:**

**Packet Party**

**Scarsdale Public Library**

**Jaffin Room**

**Tuesday, May 10, 6 P.M. – 9 P. M.**

**Annual Conference**

**Friday, May 13, 2001**

**Doubletree Hotel, Tarrytown**

**8 A.M. – 4:30**