

**WESTCHESTER LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**  
**Summary of the Board of Directors Meeting**  
**June 23, 2011**  
**Sam's of Gedney Way, White Plains**

**Present:** Mary Ayers, Zahra M. Baird, Aurora Cruz, Ann-Marie Cutul, K. DeLuca, Dan Glauber, Bonnie Katz, Nancy Keating, Terry Kirchner, Towanda Mathurin, John Monahan, Cathy Paulsen, Srivalli Rao, Jessica Tagliaferro, and Susan Thaler

**Excused:** Tim Baird, Diane Batemarco, Pam Berger, Ed Falcone, Maxine Grandison, Valerie Herman, Harriet Huang, Melissa Iamónico, Diana Matson, Carolyn Reznick, and Pam Thornton

The meeting came to order at 12:45. Motion (DeLuca/Monahan) to approve the Minutes from April 14, 2011, passed.

**President's Report:**

- Thaler introduced two new Board members, Towanda Mathurin, periodicals librarian at Westchester Community College, and Terry Kirchner, Director of the Westchester Library System. Mathurin is the new Conference Chair, and Kirchner is the new WLS representative.
- Thaler also thanked everyone for their hard work for the Annual Conference which was a great success.
- Thaler mentioned the need to fill vacant Board positions, such as Chairs for Publicity, Youth Services, Legislation, and Professional Development. She has two possible candidates, one for Youth Services and one for Legislation. We also need a Co-Chair for Support Services. A Board member suggested we get a separate Raffle Chair. Cruz volunteered to fill that position since she will no longer be Conference Chair.
- Lastly, Thaler thanked Monahan for his services to WLA and, on behalf of the Board, gave him a gift card as a token of our appreciation. Monahan is retiring from BOCES. His replacement will be Judy Ashby.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Thaler reported for Falcone who was excused. As of May 31, 2011, WLA had \$16,274.32 in the Checking Account and \$24,027.16 in the Savings Account with a combined balance of \$40,301.48. She also reported on the (almost) final tally for the 2011 Annual Conference. Total income was \$11,911.35 and total expenses \$15,346.76 producing an approximate loss of \$3,400.00.

**Conference Wrap-Up:**

- Tagliaferro distributed the results of the Conference attendance and the post Conference survey. 218 attended the Conference including Washington Irving authors, speakers, award recipients, and vendors. Forty conference goers responded to the survey, and the replies were overwhelmingly favorable. There was some

controversy regarding the keynote speaker. Some felt he was too provocative and that his speech took up too much of the time allotted for lunch.

**Conference Vendor Survey:**

- Katz reported she did not get a single response to the Vendor Survey she sent out after the Conference.

**WLA Website:**

- Ryan Jackson from the White Plains Public Library has created a new look for us using a content management system. Everyone was urged to look at it and send their comments to Tagliaferro by July 11.
- DeLuca suggested we revise our logo at the same time and proposed using the headless horseman as our symbol.

**New Committee for Non-Conference Event Planning:**

- Paulsen, Rothman, DeLuca, and Ayers volunteered to form this committee.

**Annual Conference 2012:**

- New Conference Chair Mathurin has been in negotiation with Doubletree. May 11, 2012, has been reserved for next year's Conference. Mathurin distributed sheets with 2011 and 2012 cost modules and will continue price negotiations.

The meeting was adjourned (Z. M. Baird/Monahan) at 1:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Ann-Marie Cutul

**Upcoming Meeting:**

Tagliaferro will send out an email with alternate meeting dates for an August meeting using the Meeting Wizard.