

**WESTCHESTER LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting**  
**September 20, 2010**  
**White Plains Public Library**

**Present:** Diane Batemarco, Aurora Cruz, Ann-Marie Cutul, K. De Luca, Maxine Grandison, Harriet Huang, Srivalli Rao, Carolyn Reznick, Sharon Rothman, Jessica Tagliaferro, and Susan Thaler

**Excused:** Tim Baird, Pam Berger, Ed Falcone, Dan Glauber, Melissa Iamónico, Craig McMahon, Diana Matson, John Monahan, Cathy Paulsen, and Pam Thornton

The meeting was called to order at 10:15. Motion (DeLuca/Tagliaferro) to accept the minutes from August 5 passed with a few minor corrections.

**President's Report:**

- Thaler was pleased to announce that Mary Ayers from the Mount Kisco Public Library has joined the Reference section. Thaler pointed out that there are still Board vacancies to fill, such as Vendor Chair and Raffle Chair, as well as Co-Chair for the Support Staff Section. She suggested a Board member attend the next WLS Circulation meeting November 4 to make a pitch for joining the Support Staff section. Grandison thought she would be able to go.
- Thaler further pointed out that it is not too early to start thinking about possible candidates for Vice President/President Elect for next year.
- Thaler distributed a letter she has composed to WLA members asking for their input for programs and events. The letter, enhanced by suggestions from Board members, will be emailed, mailed and posted on the WLA website.
- Cruz suggested we compile an email list for publicity purposes. Rothman and Rao volunteered to work together on this project. The Board authorized Reznick to set up Constant Contact.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Thaler reported on behalf of Falcone who was excused. As of August 31, 2010, WLA had \$15,378.24 in the Checking Account and \$24,018.29 in the Savings Account with a combined balance of \$39,396.53.
- Falcone will open a P.O. box for WLA in Yonkers.

**Membership Report:**

- Rao has created a new membership form using Google forms and appreciates input from the Board. She will work with Falcone, Tagliaferro and Thaler to iron out the logistics of Paypal as a method of payment. People using Paypal will be charged a one dollar processing fee.

**College Section:**

- Batemarco announced that she has two speakers in mind for the Annual Conference.

**Support Staff Section:**

- Grandison asked for feedback about David LaRocco's presentation at the Annual Conference. Board members mentioned that some people objected to his language and thought his presentation was too personal.
- Grandison also mentioned she has another speaker in mind for the Annual, Doris Hackett of the Mount Vernon Public Library. Ms. Hackett is the author of *Check This Out!*.

**Washington Irving Committee:**

- DeLuca reported that she had investigated Sunnyside as a venue for the Washington Irving award ceremony but did not find it suitable. The Committee will have its first meeting at the Chappaqua library October 15.

**Miscellaneous items for discussion:**

- Rao pointed out that she and a number of librarians will be retiring in the near future.
- She suggested we set up a mentoring program drawing upon the expertise of these librarians.

The meeting was adjourned (Rao/Grandison) at 11:55.

Respectfully submitted by Ann-Marie Cutul

**Upcoming Meeting:**

**Time: Thursday, October 14, 10 A.M. – 12 Noon**

**Place: Scarsdale Public Library**