

WESTCHESTER LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
November 10, 2011
Westchester Community College

Present: Judy Ashby, Mary Ayers, Diane Batemarco, Cheryl Berent, Ann-Marie Cutul, K. De Luca, Ed Falcone, Dan Glauber, Maxine Grandison, Bonnie Katz, Terry Kirchner, Towanda Mathurin, Diana Matson, Donna Pesce, Srivalli Rao, Carolyn Reznick, Sharon Rothman, Jessica Tagliaferro, and Susan Thaler

Excused: Tim Baird, Zahra M. Baird, Pam Berger, Tata Canuelas, Valerie Herman, and Pam Thornton

The meeting was called to order at 10:10. Motion (Kirchner/Ayers) to approve the Minutes from October 13, passed.

President's Report:

- Tagliaferro introduced Judy Ashby, the new representative from the Northern Westchester/Putnam BOCES.
- She mentioned the two upcoming WLA events next week: The Performers Showcase, 11/15, and the Ping Pong event, 11/17.
- Tagliaferro has drafted a description of the Publicity Chair position to be posted on the WLA website.
- A representative from Hope's Door has expressed thanks that their bookmarks were distributed by WLS.
- Tagliaferro has drafted a letter to Ryan Jackson regarding the \$500 stipend which he will receive when the website is up and running. Tagliaferro has administrative rights along with Glauber and hopes to switch to the new site this week.

Treasurer's Report:

- Falcone reported that as of October 31, 2011, WLA had \$15,443.66 in the Checking Account and \$24,032.14 in the Savings Account with a combined total of \$39,475.80.

Web Administration Committee:

- Glauber has gone over the new website and tried to make as many updates as possible. He asked board members to point out if anything has been overlooked when the website goes live.

Membership Report:

- Rao has signed up two additional members.

Reference Section:

- Ayers reported that Christopher Platt from NYPL has agreed to be a Conference speaker. Ayers inquired if there is an agreement form for him to sign, and Tagliaferro will investigate. Platt's honorarium will be \$250.

College Section:

- Batemarco wondered how many workshops her section should plan for. Mathurin handed out a preliminary conference schedule, and it was agreed that Batemarco should plan for two workshops.

Support Staff Section:

- Grandison reported that she had attended the WLS Circ Staff meeting earlier that morning. She spoke about WLA and the upcoming events. She also distributed membership forms.
- Grandison is in the process of signing up two speakers, Marzena Ermier and Gretchen Smith from the New York Public Library, for a Support Staff workshop at the Annual Conference.

Public Relations Committee:

- Reznick pointed out that the yearly renewal for Constant Contact will be about \$294. She is about to send out the November Newsletter. She has 700 email addresses, but around 100 bounce back each time. For further distribution, she will send a copy of the Newsletter to BOCES representative Ashby who in turn will forward it on her listserv.

Legislation Committee:

- Pesce reported that New Yorkers for Better Libraries released its 2011 voter's guide. Assembly members Abinanti, Galef, Latimer, Paulin, and Spano earned B's, while Castelli and Pretlow earned C's. Senators Oppenheimer and Ball earned A's and Stewart-Cousins earned a C.
- Senator Suzi Oppenheimer has been acknowledged by METRO for "Outstanding and Dedicated Service in Support of Libraries."
- There has also been an ALA legislative alert asking recipients to contact U.S. Senators to vote "no" on Senate Joint Resolution 6, which would overturn the Federal Communications Commission 10-201. FCC 201 states that broadband providers must provide transparency; not block lawful use, and have no unreasonable discrimination.

Professional Development Committee:

- Diana Matson is the new Chair. She has updated the flier, form, and application on the website and will start to circulate the information as soon as possible. Glauber is also on the Committee, and Reznick has volunteered to read applications.

School Library Cooperation Award:

- Ashby will contact Monahan for help with handling the Awards process.

Away from the Desk Committee:

- Rothman and DeLuca have 13 people signed up for the Ping Pong event November 17. The charge is \$15 per person which covers refreshments.

2012 Annual Conference:

Vendor Committee:

- Katz reported that she has been in contact with Pat McCurdy-Crescimanno from DGI Technology. McCurdy-Crescimanno also has a non-profit crafts business benefitting Kenya. McCurdy-Crescimanno will pay the regular vendor charge for DGI Technology, but there will be no charge for the crafts table at the Conference.

Schedule:

- Mathurin distributed a copy of the 2011 Conference schedule and a proposed schedule for 2012. Much discussion followed. Rothman proposed we have a panel of speakers discussing the future of libraries. A vote followed, and it was resolved that we would have a set of morning and a set of afternoon workshops. The panel discussion will replace the workshops scheduled for the middle of the day. Kirchner volunteered to be the organizer with help from Tagliaferro and Section Chairs, as well.

Keynote Speaker:

- Glauber reported that the Conference Committee has a shortlist of three candidates. He is waiting for Z.M. Baird to contact Trigiani and take her up on her offer to help us find a keynote speaker.

The meeting was adjourned (DeLuca/Reznick) at 11:45.

Respectfully submitted by Ann-Marie Cutul

Upcoming Meeting:

Date: December 8, 2011

Time: 10 A.M. – 12 NOON

Place: Scarsdale Public Library