

WESTCHESTER LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
June 8, 2017
Westchester Library System

Present:

Liz Anastasi, Kathryn Feeley, Alex Gaete, Martha Iwan, Bonnie Katz, Terry Kirchner, Diana Lennon, Mallory Marinaro, Sara Rodgers, Sharon Rothman, Linda Surovich, John Torres, James Trapasso

Guests:

Anya Feeley, Eileen Fusco, Megan Fenton, Christa Defaber, Maria Gagliardi, Jessica Bowen

Excused:

Zahra Baird, Gina Bell, Pam Berger, Eleanor Friedman, Dan Glauber, Maxine Grandison, Joseph Manozzi, Kathy Palovick, Elaine Provenzano, Daniel Sabol

The meeting was called to order at 12:00

President's Report:

- Sara welcomed our special guests to lunch: Eileen Fusco, who won the Professional Development Scholarship, Megan Fenton and Christa DeFaber, who presented at the May 18th Teaching Technology workshop, and Maria Gagliardi and Jessica Bowen of LARC.
- Sharon is working with Ryan Jackson on taking over the WLA website.
- Sara reminded everyone to keep their membership active—it runs through December.
- We will discuss a conference app at the September meeting—James has all of the contact information.

Conference Recap:

- Sharon is reconciling costs with Maria and Jessica and will send an email to the board when finished.
- There were about 100 LARC members at the conference and 37 from Westchester; Terry said that these partnerships take time.
- Jessica will give continuing education certificates to Sara.
- Feedback we've all received includes that the venue and the food were great, and the workshops were good. The keynote had a mixed response.
- Terry wondered if a bus service could entice more people—Westchester tends to be “bridge-phobic”, but we do want people to go.
- James is looking into other Westchester conference centers for next year—will try to keep it in Tarrytown for the convenience.
- The separate space for the food was excellent.
- There is a big difference between a conference center and a hotel in terms of executing an event like this.
- James loved the details—bridges, books, and the branding.
- Next year, we need to remember vendor nametags.
- LARC broke even on the raffle.
- Liz suggested a round of applause for Jessica; working with LARC was a pleasure.
- Sara thanked Liz and Bonnie for their hard work as conference committee co-chairs.

Membership Report:

- We have about 110-115 members. Terry is happy to send our membership reminders through his WLS emails.

Professional Development Committee:

- 25 people attended the May 18th event and many came from LARC. Diana thanked all of the great speakers.
- There will be two workshops this fall.

After thanking Terry for hosting and for lunch, a motion to adjourn was made by Diana at 12:22; Bonnie seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mallory Marinaro

Upcoming Meetings:

September 14: Ossining