

WESTCHESTER LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Board of Directors Lunch Meeting
Thursday, June 6, 2019
Graziella Restaurant, White Plains, NY

Present:

Gina Bell, Megan Fenton, Giovanna Fiorino-Iannace, Maxine Grandison, Martha Iwan, Terry Kirchner Diana Lennon, Kathy Palovik, Elaine Provenzano, Sharon Rothman, James Trapasso

Excused:

Zahra M. Baird, Kathy Beirne, Kathryn Feeley, Eleanor Friedman, Daniel Glauber, Bonnie Katz, Joseph Mannozi, Christa O'Sullivan, Anthony Reda, Sara Rodgers

The meeting was called to order at 12:27 pm by Diana Lennon. Megan moved to accept the April and May meeting minutes with some minor changes. Mayra seconded the motion.

President's Report:

- Diana Lennon thanked everyone for a successful annual conference.
- Elaine Provenzano reported there were 54 people registered for the Annual Conference, of whom two did not attend. Sharon Rothman noted all those who attended were WLA members. The timing at the beginning of the conference was off, but everything returned to schedule by the end of the day.
 - Giovanna Fiorino-Iannace provided an overview of the Exit Survey results, which were mostly positive. 80 % of the responders liked the location and the service.
 - The survey topics ranked a bit differently from those chosen at the time of registration, with top choices including Staff Wellness, Civil Service, Future of Libraries, Customer Service, Social Issues, Library Careers and the Session Recap.
 - The flip chart data from each breakout session will be shared on the WLA website and newsletter.
 - Originally there were to be ten vendors present, but Westchester Community College said it could accommodate only six tables.
 - James Trapasso mentioned the seating at lunch worked out well since the weather allowed people to eat outdoors. Elaine explained a separate space across campus was considered, but it was too far, and the student café could not be used.
 - Diana noted membership totals are up this year at almost 200 members. Over a quarter of the members attended this year's conference.
 - The Ossining and Greenburgh Public Libraries had the greatest representation. Many attendees expressed an interest in follow-up discussions at future Professional Development workshops.

- Elaine asked for photographs of the conference for inclusion in the newsletter.
- Diana mentioned an email vote will be taken to increase the budget for the Anne Izard Award.

Treasurer's Report:

- Sharon Rothman will have more numbers on the conference as soon as she receives all outstanding expense receipts.

Professional Development Committee:

- Megan Fenton reported the Trivia Night scheduled this month at Captain Lawrence. Members are asked to wear blue.

Youth Services Committee:

- No Report

Public Relations Committee:

- No Report

New Business:

- If anyone has WLA files and is not continuing next year, please inform the board.
- Elaine Provenzano made a motion via email on June 19, 2019 to increase the WLA budget for the Anne Izard Award from \$375 to \$600, to be posted to the 2019/2020 fiscal year, beginning July 1. Anthony Reda seconded the motion. Those in favor included Kathy Beirne, Laura Burk, Mayra Cabrera, Kathryn Feely, Giovanna Fiorino-Iannace, Dan Glauber, Maxine Grandison, Diana Lennon, Catherine Riedel, Sharon Rothman, and James Trapasso.

A motion to adjourn was made by Diana Lennon at 12:59 pm; Elaine seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Giovanna Fiorino-Iannace

Upcoming Meetings:

September 12: Tuckahoe Public Library

October 10: Harrison Public Library

November 7: Ossining Public Library

December 12: WLA, Elmsford, NY

January 16: Mid-Winter Prep

January 29: WLA Winter Conference (Rain Date is February 5)