

WESTCHESTER LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, February 13, 2020
9:30 am, Westchester Library System

Present: Amelia Buccarelli, Oz Coto-Chang, Giovanna (Jayne) Fiorino-Iannace, Eleanor Friedman, Dan Glauber, Martha Iwan, Terry Kirchner, Diana Lennon, Christa O'Sullivan, Kathy Palovick, Elaine Provenzano, Catherine Riedel, Allison Robbins, Sharon Rothman, Kim Stucko, Anthony Reda

Excused: Linda Ahern, Z Baird, Gina Bell, Kathy Beirne, Joseph Mannozi, James Trapasso, Maya Cabrera, Maureen Clements, Kathryn Feeley, Maxine Grandison, Bonnie Katz, Joseph Mannozi, Susanne Markgren, Patricia Perito

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 am by Elaine Provenzano.

Diana moved to accept the minutes from the board meeting that took place on January 16, 2020. Kim seconded the motion. The motion was passed and the minutes were approved.

MidWinter Review

- Elaine thanked everyone for helping make a successful event. 56 attended and 6 registrants did not attend.
- Most of the feedback was positive.

President's Report:

- Annual Conference
 - Possible breakout topics were discussed. Updated agenda is included at the end of these minutes.
 - The panel speakers have been confirmed.
 - Keynote speaker Pamela Paul has been confirmed. Part of the speaking agreement is the purchase of her book, *How to Raise a Reader*, for each attendee. A program agreement has not yet been signed.
 - Terry confirmed that WLS will cover the cost of 100 copies of Pamela Paul's book, *How to Raise a Reader*. The Village Bookstore of Pleasantville will be placing the order and applying a discount.
 - The different WLA sections will be responsible for bringing a breakout topic to the conference.
 - The budget for the WCC space reservation this year is \$2,120. Deposit of \$1,560 has been sent. The balance is due on May 13th.
 - Food options were discussed and the board agreed that a bagged lunch, like 2019, was the best option.
 - Catherine moved to approve the insurance quote of \$651.99 from Rand Insurance for the one year of coverage for events. Diana seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- Net operating cost for the MidWinter Conference was \$155.
- Opening balance in checking account: \$16,718.19.

- Deposits, transfers, memberships: \$1,077.48.
- Closing balance in the checking account is \$17,795.67.
- \$0.12 interest gained in the savings account for balance of \$13,965.95.
- Total balance for both accounts \$31,761.62.
- Anthony moved to approve the January 2019 Treasurer's report. Jayne seconded and the motion passed.

Reference Section:

- No report.

Youth Services Section:

- Battle of the Books: Catherine was asked if WLA could purchase the books for the battle and put bookplates in the books. The number of books, which books, and other details will be brought to the next meeting to better gauge the cost that WLA will be considering.
- AT&T Code Heroes is free and available for libraries to host.

Support Staff Section:

- No report.

Academic & Special Libraries Section:

- Anthony confirmed the annual preparation meeting on April 30 at WCC for the Annual Conference.

Professional Development Committee:

- Westchester County Civil Service representatives will not be able to come to the March 4th Civil Service Program. Claudia Depkin will still speak. We hope to have a follow-up program focused on Westchester County Civil Service.
- The interviewing professional development events ready to go ahead. WLA needs to choose dates for the events, which will be held at WLA. \$750 is the total cost for both days. WLS has donated \$400 to the cost. The Special Library Association has agreed to donate \$250 towards the cost. Half of the total payment is due at contract signing.
- There are two upcoming Meet and Mingles. The first one is taking place at the Tuckahoe Public Library on Wednesday, March 18 at 5:30 pm and will be followed by a talk on the Woman's Suffrage Movement at 6:30 pm. The second will take place at the Hendrick Hudson Library on Saturday, April 25th at 2 pm.
- Supreme Court Law Library in White Plains will be hosting an event this year as part of the Access to Justice initiative.
- Terry noted that the Supreme Court Law Library of Westchester County in White Plains is going to have an opportunity for library staff to tour the library and get a better understanding of their resources and services available. This is part of the bigger program "Access to Justice Initiative."

BOCES

- Nothing to Report.

Legislation Committee:

- Kathy has sent out invitations to our State Assembly Members and the Westchester County Board of Legislators. Seven people have accepted invitations, including Senator Shelley Mayer and County Executive George Latimer.

Public Relations Committee:

- Christa sent out the save the date for the conference.
- Eleanor mentioned Social Media as an additional outreach option with a lot of potential, particularly Twitter.

Website Committee:

- Elaine thanked Dan for continuing to upload pictures to the website, including those from the Midwinter Conference.

Membership Committee:

- No Report.

Newsletter/Outreach Committee:

- Elaine requested content for the newsletter, which is being prepared by Diana and James.

Exhibits Committee:

- The number of vendors that the space can accommodate will be confirmed by Elaine and Jayne by the March meeting.

New Business:

- Eleanor Friedman was approved as the Southern BOCES representative. Catherine moved to approve and Sharon seconded the motion. The motion was passed.
- The March 12 meeting will be held via Zoom as a video conference in lieu of Irvington. (This is a recent change due to concerns over the Coronavirus.)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Allison Robbins

Upcoming Meetings:

March 12: Irvington Public Library

April 2: Tuckahoe Public Library

April 30: Westchester Community College

WLA CONFERENCE AGENDA – MAY 15, 2020
Westchester Community College
Valhalla, NY

Counting on Libraries 2020: How Libraries Play a Strategic Role in Their Communities to Foster Equity, Inclusion, and Technology

- 8:00 am** Registration Begins
- 8:00 am - 9:00 am** Breakfast, Vendors, Exhibits, Networking
- 9:00 am - 9:15 am** WLA Annual Membership & Business Meeting
– Elaine Provenzano

9:15 am - 10:30 am

Technology Panel:

- **Hillel Arnold**, Rockefeller Archive Center
- **Rob Cartolano**, Columbia University; Eastchester Public Library, Board President
- **Kathryn Shaughnessy**, St. John's University
(Includes Q & A)

This panel will focus on library technology, where we are and where we are headed and how library technology fosters new strategic connections between libraries/archives and the communities they serve. The group would be interested in hearing how technology is being applied to the collections and resources at their respective institutions.

- 10:30 am - 10:45 am** Break
- 10:45 am - 11:30 am** Session 1: 2 options
- 11:30 am - 12:15 pm** Session 2: 2 options
- 12:15 pm – 1:15 pm** Lunch and Vendors, optional Mindfulness exercise
- 1:15 pm – 1:30 pm** Legislators' Comments
- 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm** Keynote Address: *Pamela Paul*
- 2:45 pm – 3:30 pm** Session 3: 2 options
- 3:35 pm - 4:00 pm** Davis Auditorium, Awards & Raffles, Closing Remarks

Technology and Innovation in Libraries
Panel Discussion
(Q & A to follow)

Guest speakers:

Hillel Arnold, Head of Digital Programs at the Rockefeller Archive Center.
(<https://hillelarnold.com/archives/>)

Robert Cartolano, Assistant Vice President of Digital Programs and Technology Services at Columbia University and Board President of the Eastchester Public Library
(<http://www.columbia.edu/~rtc/>)

Kathryn Shaughnessy, Associate Professor and Open Education Resources Librarian at St. John's University
(<https://www.stjohns.edu/academics/faculty/kathryn-shaughnessy>)

This panel will focus on library technology and innovation: where we are here we are headed, and how library technology fosters new strategic connections between libraries/archives and the communities they serve.

Attendees will have an opportunity to learn firsthand about digital repositories, the latest resources being utilized in both academic and private settings, digital preservation storage systems, Open Source communities, Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) access and ICT-literacy in education/library environments.

About the Speakers:

Hillel Arnold

Hillel Arnold is the Assistant Director and Head of Digital Programs at the Rockefeller Archive Center (<http://rockarch.org/>) in Tarrytown, NY, where he has worked since 2012. He is primarily responsible for managing a small team of self-taught digital archivists who provide technical leadership and expertise which supports the organization's ongoing operations. In collaboration with his peer Assistant Directors, he develops values-driven strategies for use of emerging technologies, as well as ongoing maintenance of systems which facilitate the work of colleagues across the archival enterprise. Previously, Hillel has worked at NYU's Tamiment Library/Robert F. Wagner Labor Archives, the Foundation for Landscape Studies, and the Woody Guthrie Archives.

Robert Cartolano

Rob Cartolano is Associate Vice President for Digital Programs and Technology Services for Columbia University Libraries/Information Services. His interest in Fedora Repository development is informed by his accomplishments at Columbia Libraries/Information Services, which include development of a digital preservation storage system, the opening of three new

digital centers, as well as a Blacklight-based CLIO (Columbia Libraries Information Online) discovery service. He was formerly Director of the Library Information Technology Office at Columbia.

Kathryn Shaughnessy

Kathryn Shaughnessy is the Open Educational Resources Librarian in the University Libraries at St. John's University. As the Open Education Librarian, Prof. Shaughnessy's work focuses on the ethical dimensions of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) access and ICT-literacy in education/library environments. Her current professional activities include raising awareness of the Open Ecology of Information, and facilitating adoption/adaption/creation of Open Scholarship resources across the university. As co-PI of a National Archives/National Historical Publications and Records Commission grant-funded project "Family, Immigration, and History: Grade 10 Citizen Archivists in the Digital Age," Prof. Shaughnessy works with NYC public school teachers to develop open curricula involving digital historical records. As a Senior Vincentian Center Fellow, Prof. Shaughnessy works with Vincentian Center for Church and Society in promotion of Catholic Social Justice literacy in academic and civil sectors, and serves as an expert for the Holy See Mission to the United Nations, covering agenda items dealing with ICTs, Development, Migration, Women, and Education. Her service to professional library organizations include serving on the regional chapter Executive Board of the Association of College & Research Libraries, Greater New York Metropolitan Area Chapter (ACRL/NY, 2009-present), currently as the co-convener of the OPEN Discussion Group. She also serves on the national Executive Board of the Catholic Library Association, formerly as Member-at-Large (2015-2019) and currently as the Vice-President, President-Elect (2019-2021)

