

WESTCHESTER LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, March 9th, 2021
Zoom

Present: Mayra Cabrera, Lisa Dettling, Kathryn Feeley, Megan Fenton, Giovanna Fiorino-Iannace, Maxine Grandison, Krishna Horrigan, Dana Hysell-Alongi, Diana Lennon,, Kathy Palovick, Lynn Parlman, Elaine Provenzano, Renee Rauch, Anthony Reda, Allison Robbins, Kim Stucko, Melissa Victoria

Absent: Joy Alter, Z Baird, Oz Coto-Chang, Virginia Dunnigan, Daniel Glauber, Martha Iwan, Terry Kirchner, Joseph Mannozi, Christa O'Sullivan, Joanna Rooney, Tracey Wong

The meeting was called to order at 9:37 am. Motion to approve the minutes with no corrections was made by Elaine and was seconded by Megan. The motion was passed and the minutes were approved.

President's Report:

- The By-laws Special Meeting is next week (3/16/22) at 7 PM.
- We need 20% of the membership present to vote on the new by-laws. A quorum would be 12 members (60 active members). Currently 3 members registered for the meeting.
- Questions that come in are forwarded to the lawyers and answers will be posted to the website.
- Main discussion will likely be in regards to the change in membership status and how the executive board is elected.
- Another Constant Contact will be going out prior to the meeting.
- Lynn Parlman will be on the ballot for Treasurer and she has been in contact with Allison.
- Still in need of a Vice-President, Secretary, and Co-chair for Professional Development. If you know someone, please put them in contact with Kim, Kathy, Jayne or Elaine.

Annual Conference:

- Friday, May 6th and "Diverse Voices in Libraries" was the topic with the most votes.
- One speaker will be Don Simmons, Jr. on the topic of Critical Librarianship (referred by Academic and Special Libraries Committee) who has worked in public and academic libraries. He has not requested a fee but an honorarium will be offered as a courtesy.
- Still searching for a keynote speaker . Reached out to David Lankes but he has a conflict. He recommended Nicole Cooke from the University of South Carolina and Beth Patin from Syracuse University.
- Dana will reach out to Nicole Cooke and Elaine will reach out to Beth Patin about availability.
- Can offer \$500 honorarium and if both accept, there is \$1200 budgeted for speakers and extra money remaining from the Mid-Winter Conference (since the keynote speaker, Rory Mir declined the honorarium).
- Can also reach out to WLS for a donation for the annual conference.
- Annual Conference Committee next meeting date TBD. The board trusts the committee to make decisions for the upcoming conference.
- Jayne can also reach out to Tracey Wong as another potential speaker.

Professional Development Committee:

- No upcoming programs. No submissions yet for the Professional Development Award.
- Looking for nominations for a co-chair for the PD committee.

Archives Committee:

- Need to coordinate a visit to the NYS Archives as they have limited hours.

Treasurer's Report:

- Went over January & February reports as there was no February meeting.
- Some organizational memberships came in, expenses included costs for Bonnie Katz Award, insurance payment and Zoom subscription.
- January Treasurer report was approved by Elaine and seconded by Kim.
- February Treasurer report was approved by Elaine and seconded by Maxine.

Newsletter Committee:

- Need to know the timing for the next newsletter.
- The committee requests any notes and articles from the Mid-Winter Conference and the Bonnie Katz Award.
- Please send any pictures or anything else to highlight in the Newsletter and any potential Meet & Unwind or other in-person events.

Legislation Committee:

- WLS hosted the Virtual Library Advocacy Day which included all legislators except for one senator and one assemblyman.
- Krishna was thanked for helping with the Breakout Rooms.
- Budget and civil service issues were main points addressed.
- Will reach back out to legislators about attending the Annual Conference.
- Dana will write up an article about Library Advocacy Day for the newsletter.

Reference Committee:

- No updates to report.

Academic and Special Libraries Committee:

- No updates to report.

Support Staff Committee:

- No updates to report.

Publicity Committee:

- No committee members present to report.

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- Board met with LYRAIS to present ideas going forward.

Youth Services Committee:

- No updates but will be asking for money for Battle of the Books (BoB). The BoB committee is still determining the amount needed and will let the board know at the next meeting.

New Business:

- No New Business

The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Victoria

Upcoming Meeting:

March 16th, 2022 at 7:00 PM on Zoom (Special Meeting)

April 13th, 2022 at 9:30 AM on Zoom