

Library Association of Rockland County  
Minutes  
Executive Board Meeting  
September 22, 2011

Present: Anthony Hosmer, Benjamin Reid, Jessica Bowen, Joanne Sininsky, Maria Gagliardi, Sara Nugent, Veronica Reynolds, Amelia Kalin, Lauren Cully

Absent: Janet Lucas, Jack Brand

CALL TO ORDER - 10:00 Maria Gagliardi called the meeting to order.

1. MINUTES of July 21, 2011. Motion to approve A. Kalin, second by B. Reid. Approved
2. TREASURER'S REPORT – M. Gagliardi distributed the treasurer's report in the absence of Jack Brand. She noted discrepancy of \$220. which Jack will reconcile. LARC has received approximately half (\$29,450.) of its grant from the County. Discussion of funding for the next fiscal year. County proposal due in October expect cuts to contract agencies such as LARC. Six libraries have submitted requests for reimbursement for Fall Into Books. Reimbursements sent after the conference upon receipt of attendance confirmation. There have been no scholarship disbursements yet. Joanne will follow-up with the two scholarship winners. Motion to approve the treasurer's report as submitted with a reconciliation at the next meeting made by J. Sininsky, second by V. Reynolds. Approved
3. DIVISION REPORTS
  - a. Adult Services (Veronica) Request by Veronica for \$115. to fund webinar on "Integrating Tablets and I pads into Library Service". Motion to approve S. Nugent, second L. Cully. Approved
  - b. Teen Services (Benjamin) Potential author for program later this year, but awaiting confirmation from the author. Requested permission to use unencumbered teen services budget (\$500.) for pilot project, "laser tag kits". Discussion followed. Motion by J. Sininsky to use \$250. to purchase 5 kits, second by L. Cully. Approved

Benjamin has been appointed interim director of the Rose Memorial Library, Stony Point.

  - c. Youth Services (Lauren) Tad Hills program, a partnership with PAEYC at Dominican College, took place. Only used ½ of the author program budget. Next project is the "Give a Kid a Book" initiative. Lauren inquired if LARC would provide funds for the "Give a Baby a Book" initiative. Discussion of this initiative in past. Board clarified that LARC might supply books but 21C would be responsible for distribution. Lauren asked to bring a proposal to next meeting. Lauren asked the board for LARC support to reimburse the travel cost (chartered bus) for librarians who are attending the children's art exhibit at the Illustrator's Society and the Ezra Jack Keats exhibit at the Jewish Museum, both in Manhattan. Lauren will provide additional information at the next LARC board meeting.
  - d. Customer Service Division – No report. However, Veronica recommended NAMI for a program for this division.
  - e. Advocates (Joanne) Jerry Nichols program scheduled for October 4<sup>th</sup>. Registration is slow. He will discuss implications of 2% cap and trustee/director responsibilities.
4. COUNTYWIDE PROJECTS
  - a. Hudson Valley Heritage New laptop needed for project. Discussion of value of recovery of data on hard-drive which contains about 30 hours of work. Follow-up on warranty on laptop.

b. Rockland County Times – Discussed value of project. New estimate for completion of all microfilming is \$12,128. This price is good until the end of the year. The next step after microfilming is digitization. The digital product is searchable and includes an index. The final cost for both phases, microfilming and digitization, is \$33,000. Discussion of pro/con to continue project using reserve funds. No resolution.

#### 5. OLD BUSINESS

a. PR Consultant GMGPR Following a discussion of PR needs, Sarah made motion to rescind proposal to hire GMGPR (Risa Hoag), second by J. Sininsky. Motion passed.

Next steps: Discussion of what we want to accomplish through PR.

b. LARC archive cleanup – on hold pending future funding

c. Stony Point subscribing to Freegal – withdrawn from agenda. Library is not subscribing.

#### NEW BUSINESS

a. Debra Studnisser from Rockland Teachers Center Institute spoke to the board regarding \$750. grant request which the Teachers Center submitted to LARC. This would help fund the storytelling festival on October 29, 2011 and the “Tellabration” on November 19. Following discussion, Sara made motion to make one-time \$500. award to the Teachers Center to help fund these events, second by Lauren. Approved

b. Discussion of ACOR grant sponsorship request. Performer will be asked to contact us earlier for consideration in next year’s funding cycle.

c. LARC received the first payment from United Way for a total donation of \$75.

d. Fall Into Books reimbursements discussed above.

e. Board reviewed grant request from Piermont library to cover costs (\$365.98) for “Geek the Library” project. J. Sininsky made motion to approve, second by Sara. Approved

Motion to adjourn, Veronica, second by Sara. Meeting adjourned at 11:40.

Next meeting October 27, 2011 10:00 Haverstraw Kings’ Daughters PL.

Anthony Hosmer,  
Secretary