

Library Association of Rockland County
Minutes
Executive Board Meeting
March 19, 2015

Present: Anthony Hosmer, Laura Grunberg, Christina Ryan-Linder, Maria Gagliardi, Tracy Allen, Grace Riario, Jennifer Daddio, Jessica Bowen, Veronica Reynolds, Angela Krajcar, Jack Brand
Absent: Eugenia Schatoff, Carol Connell Cannon

CALL TO ORDER – 10:05. Meeting called to order by T. Allen.

1. MINUTES of February 19, 2015. Motion to approve L. Grunberg. Second J. Daddio. Approved.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT – Membership dues received from one person. Motion to approve treasurer's report M. Gagliardi. Second V. Reynolds. Approved. Reviewed the conference budget. Motion by M. Gagliardi to accept the conference budget as presented. Second V. Reynolds. Passed.

3. DIVISION REPORTS

a. Adult Services – V. Reynolds reported that deposit has been paid for a smaller bus to the Book Expo in NYC on May 28th. Full balance is due week before or day of the event. The total cost of the bus is \$1,037.00. LARC members will pay \$30. and non-LARC members will pay \$35. M. Gagliardi made a motion to approve LARC payment of the bus for \$1,037. Second C. Linder. Approved. V. Reynolds spoke of the APOC meeting. The overall goal is to increase outreach to underserved people. Attendance was good and a strong draw was getting to meet with other "programmers", that is outreach librarians, to discuss advocacy to bring people and business into the library. G. Riario will follow-up with a doodle poll to schedule the next meeting of this group.

b. Teen Services – J. Daddio reported that children's and YA author Matt de la Pena will present at the Valley Cottage Library on May 20, 2015. LI Popcon, a program for librarians to be immersed in popculture will take place on April 16, 2015. The cost is \$80. On July 18, 2015, Valley Cottage Library will host "Librarycon" a full day program focused on comics, manga, gaming Sci-fi, etc.

c. Youth Services – A. Krajcar reported that 507 people stopped at the youth services table at Youthfest, with 132 affiliated with Finkelstein and 83 from New City. There were book give aways rather than a raffle. The names of Youthfest workers were given to J. Brand for payment. RCLS is planning a trip to the Eric Carle museum on May 18, 2015. A. Krajcar made a motion for \$300. to be applied to LARC members to attend the trip to the Eric Carle museum. Second T. Allen. Approved. A. Hosmer suggested that Youth Services consider sponsoring the Book Banquet in 2016. To be considered/discussed next year.

d. Advocates – Brian Kenny will present in either October or November. C. Linder spoke of the new friends section within NYLA and of membership benefits.

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. LARC – Vote held on new LARC logo. Motion to approve design V. Reynolds. Second A. Krajcar. Passed.

b. Annual meeting update/Conference update – First planning meeting for the annual meeting held with no resolution on date. Possible sites are Valley Cottage or Suffern. J. Bowen provided conference updates. Proposal for a combined conference with the Westchester Library Association distributed. Suggestion made to review the LARC dues with a possible increase. Conference totebags will be made with the new logo. Pocket flashlights will also be distributed at the conference.

c. Schedule of Hours brochure price estimate – Estimate per M-tec \$1,785. For the larger size and \$1,495 for letter size. Motion by M. Gagliardi to accept estimate. Second T. Allen. Approved.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Review of By-laws - By-laws committee is scheduled to meet March 27, 2015.

b. The Camp Shanks project for HRVH – Christy Blanchette reported on costs to complete the Camp Shanks Villager project. J. Bowen made a motion to approve \$606.72 to complete the Camp Shanks villager project. Second A. Krajcar. Approved.

c. Grace Riario

i. School librarian positions being eliminated and the impact to our libraries - G. Riario reported on this trend. Following a lively discussion it was agreed that creating talking points for advocacy with PTA's would be helpful.

ii. LARC Budget – How can we get ahead of the problem? Follow-up with information on how LARC funding is used.

iii. Advocacy Plans – In June, Executive Director for the Suffolk Library System will speak with trustees about advocacy. Lends itself to an evening program. Be sure to include photo-ops with legislators over summer.

Next meeting Thursday, April 23, 2015, Palisades Library

Anthony Hosmer,
Secretary