

Library Association of Rockland County
Minutes
Executive Board Meeting
April 23, 2015

Present: Anthony Hosmer, Dr. Laura Grunweg, Christina Linder, Veronica Reynolds, Angela Krajcar, Jessica Bowen, Jack Brand, Barry Koch, Carol Connell Cannon, Jennifer Daddio, Maria Gagliardi

Absent: Tracy Allen, Eugenia Schatoff

CALL TO ORDER – 10:13. Meeting called to order by A. Hosmer.

1. MINUTES of March 19, 2015. Motion to approve M. Gagliardi. Second J. Brand. Approved.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT – J. Brand reported \$1,930. in membership dues have been received to date representing 193 members. It was again noted that applications sent in the U.S. mail have not been received. The treasurer's report was distributed and reviewed. Motion to approve J. Daddio. Second L. Grunweg. Passed.

3. DIVISION REPORTS

a. Adult Services – V. Reynolds reported that 9 people have registered for the bus to the Book Expo. This is lower than expected, the bus seats 24, but we are committed to the bus. Registrations to take the bus will continue to be accepted. A. Hosmer will forward information on the bus to the school librarians. V. Reynolds shared with the board a proposal for funding from Brian Jennings to digitize one reel of microfilm of the North River Times. L. Grunweg made a proposed to fund the digitization project of one reel of the North River Times not to exceed \$450. with funds to be taken from the "Local History Preservation" budget line. Second C. Linder. Passed. V. Reynolds also reported on the APOC meeting of the Ted Ed committee. They are discussing a program which will include a minimum of 2 pre-recorded Ted talks geared to innovative communities, for example maker spaces. The program is geared to the public not librarians. A requirement of the Ted license is that the program not be library centric. Additional APOC committees will explore flash mobs and a branding push similar to "Geek the Library". The next full committee meeting of APOC will take place on May 19, 2015 at RCLS.

b. Teen Services – J. Daddio reported on LI Popcon which took place on April 16, 2015. The program was excellent with a wide range of discussions. She highly recommends this program and hopes more librarians will take advantage of it next year. On May 20, 2015, Matt de la Pena will speak at the teen author event at Valley Cottage Library. CEU credits are available. Flyers for the Matt de la Pena program will be included in the conference folders. J. Daddio sought information on possible LARC funding of the Valcon program to take place at Valley Cottage Library. Funding for the event is being provided by Valley Cottage Library and the additional funds might help provide lunch for vendors and panelists. It was suggested the since LARC funds come from the County it might be inappropriate to use them for food. Perhaps use library money for food and LARC money for programming fees. This led to a discussion of ways to provide grant funding for special projects and past practice. A grant committee was formed consisting of V. Reynolds, C. Linder and A. Krajcar to meet and bring ideas to the May board meeting. LARC will not provide funding for the 2015 Valcon program at Valley Cottage Library but will consider this program in the future.

c. Youth Services – A. Krajcar reported that as of today the trip to the Eric Carle museum appears to be canceled as there were not enough people registered by the deadline to warrant a bus.

d. Advocates – C. Linder requested to speak about NYLA at the conference. This brief announcement will take place at lunchtime.

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. Annual Meeting – The annual meeting will take place on June 4, 2015, 6:00 PM at the Nyack Library. Michelle Phillips will be the keynote speaker. Applications for the scholarships have been posted.

b. Schedule of Hours – Printed and in the process of being distributed.

c. Conference Update – There are 72 paid registrants to date with a total income of \$3,185. in registrations. Registration to remain open for a few days longer since we have a minimum number that must be paid for lunch. J. Bowen reported that LARC will sponsor with Westchester Library Association (WLA) for future conferences. A new treasurer has been recommended to the board to replace J. Brand who will be retiring in June. The prospective treasurer will be invited to attend the LARC conference at no cost. The raffle baskets have been completed. Board members who are able to assist with set-up the day of the conference should report at 8:00 AM.

d. By-laws – The by-laws committee met and proposed changes to the by-laws. Copies of the by-laws with proposed changes noted will be sent to all board members for review prior to the next board meeting.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Memo on behalf of board – J. Brand brought to the attention of the board a memo which he received from Tracy Allen on LARC letterhead and sent on behalf of the board regarding a meeting at New City for the appointment of the new director of the New City Library. Most board members were unaware of the memo. Following a discussion, board members were reminded that any time they speak at a public meeting as a private citizen it is imperative that they clearly identify that they are not speaking for LARC. Likewise, no communications should be sent on behalf of the board without board review.

Current by-laws do permit and provide guidance for calling a special board meeting in a critical situation. Must clarify unanimous decisions on behalf of board.

Motion to adjourn J. Brand. Second J. Daddio. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:25.

Next meeting Thursday, May 21, 2015, location to be determined.

Anthony Hosmer,
Secretary