

Library Association of Rockland County
Minutes
Executive Board Meeting
May 21, 2015

Present: Anthony Hosmer, Christina Linder, Laura Grunweg, Maria Gagliardi, Joann Arendes, Jack Brand, Carol Connell Cannon, Angela Krajcar, Veronica Reynolds, Jessica Bowen

Absent: Tracy Allen, Eugenia Schatoff, Jennifer Daddio

CALL TO ORDER – 10:05. Meeting called to order by A. Hosmer.

1. MINUTES of April 23, 2015. Motion to approve C. Ryan-Linder. Second A. Krajcar Approved.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT – J. Brand presented the conference budget detail. Due in part to lower than expected registration, more was spent on the conference than budgeted. Suggestion was made to increase conference budget in the future. It was noted that proposal to work with the Westchester Library Association on future conferences may help offset cost. Additional membership renewals have been received. Membership now stands at 249. Copy of membership file to be emailed to M. Gagliardi, who will report out on membership in divisions and compile updated list of email addresses of members. M. Gagliardi made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Second A. Krajcar. Passed.

J. Brand read a letter dated April 28, 2015 to Tracy Allen, LARC President from Victor Berger of the New City Library Board. For the record, clarification that Jack Brand did not misrepresent the LARC Board at the New City Library Board meeting per the letter from Victor Berger.

3. DIVISION REPORTS

a. Adult Services – Adult services is scheduled to meet on June 1, 2015. Brian Jennings is scheduled to become the chair of the adult services division and will represent them on the LARC Board. V. Reynolds reported on the APOC program especially the branding group and the New City Street Fair scheduled for June 14, 2015. New City Library is planning to use the mobile circulation equipment on loan from RCLS at this event. V. Reynolds reported that 2 people have canceled their bus reservation FOR THE Book Expo. Seven people are now confirmed for the 24 seat bus funded by LARC. Another email blast for the bus will be sent and reservations will continue to be accepted.

b. Teen Services – A. Krajcar reported for J. Daddio. Matt de la Pena program took place on May 20, 2015 at the Valley Cottage Library. The program was well received by 17 attendees.

c. Youth Services – A. Krajcar will continue as chair of the youth services division. Youth librarians are gearing up for summer. The Board confirmed intent to fund 2 librarians per library to attend Fall Into Books. Participants will be reimbursed early bird registration fee upon proof of attendance.

d. Advocates – C. Ryan-Linder will seek out non-profit advocacy group in Rockland. Group is called "Rockland non-Profits Matter". Suggestion made to include legislators at future conferences. C. Linder to become chair of YALSA.

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. Grant Committee – No report.

b. By-Laws Review – M. Gagliardi to type notes from by-laws committee meeting and send them to the Board. She highlighted some items that were flagged for review or clarification such as Article 3 – Membership with the advocacy position to become a committee. Further discussion in the Fall.

c. Conference Wrap-up J. Bowen reviewed the final conference report in draft format pending verification of numbers using the latest treasurer's report. There were 90 paid participants at the conference. V. Reynolds presented the evaluation summary. There was a brief discussion of presenters and participant reactions. C. Linder requested copies of any pertinent comments to send to presenters. V. Reynolds indicated there weren't any of merit. Suggestion made to include dietary restriction on future conference registration materials.

d. Annual Meeting – The annual meeting will take place on June 4, 2015 at the Nyack Public Library. Nyack is coordinating the refreshments. Refreshments are scheduled for 6:00-7:00 followed by the business meeting and guest speaker. There were no applicants for the scholarship this year. The slate for new board members includes Jane Marino from the Nyack Library and Jennifer Brown from Rose Memorial Library.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Coordinated Calendar with RCLS – There was a discussion of a patron request for a coordinated calendar to be able to see what is happening at each library in one place rather than look at each library's webpage. Discussion focused on cost of software for a system such as "Evanced". It was suggested that we explore with system services cost for one

program such as “Evanced”, or something like a Google calendar where librarians or a volunteer can re-enter their events. C. Connell Cannon will contact BUCKLES to ascertain costs for a coordinated calendar software (“Evanced”).

b. Funding Request from Haverstraw – A. Krajcar distributed a funding request for \$800. from RTC Institute to help fund the Rockland Storytelling Festival. Following discussion, the request was declined as the LARC Conference was over-budget and funding from the County to LARC has been reduced.

c. Candidate for LARC Treasurer – C. Linder introduced Joann Arendes, CPA, from Berard & Associates who will assume the duties of LARC Treasurer upon the retirement of Jack Brand on June 30, 2015. M. Gagliardi provided background on LARC and funding process and will forward a copy of the bylaws to J. Arendes. Members provided background on libraries and services offered through LARC such as outreach, digitization, LARC website and administration of LARC, Brunsman and Trudell scholarships. Annual reporting is completed using the “990” form to maintain non-profit status. LARC archives are housed at the Suffern Library.

Motion to adjourn M. Gagliardi. Second C. Linder. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:48.

Next meeting Annual Meeting, Thursday, June 4, 2015 , Nyack Public Library.

Anthony Hosmer, Secretary