

Library Association of Rockland County
Minutes
Executive Board Meeting
September 17, 2015

Present: Anthony Hosmer, Carol Connell Cannon, Brian Jennings, Jennifer Daddio, Jessica Bowen, Angela Krajcar, Christina Linder, Maria Gagliardi

Absent: Tracy Allen, Jane Marino, Jennifer Brown, Joann Arendes,

CALL TO ORDER – 10:15. Meeting called to order by C. Connell Cannon.

1. MINUTES of July 16, 2015. Motion to approve M. Gagliardi. Second J. Daddio. Approved.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT – No report. Question regarding status of five year plan. C. Connell Cannon will check with J. Arendes.

3. DIVISION REPORTS

a. Adult Services – B. Jennings reported 150 seniors participated in the senior fair. Next adult services meeting scheduled for November 6. Notice will be sent to J. Bowen who will forward it to directors. Plans to expand the oral history program with a training scheduled for the Spring. The goal is to include this in HRVH. Looking for direction to help brand and market the project with the goal to include a hard copy (CD) in all libraries and to brand the cases with the LARC logo. The anticipated cost is estimated at \$300.00 for artwork and cases. A formal proposal will be prepared for a future board meeting. Adult services to be surveyed for interest. Discussion of possibility of using a paid consultant in the role of technician/videographer. There was a sense that the County would fund such a proposal. Coordinate costs with HRVH and the 5 year plan for LARC spending. B. Jennings reported that North River Times is about to be posted on HRVH. There was a discussion of creation of a Rockland County author award which is also on the table for discussion at the adult services meeting. Attempts to set a date for sensitivity training were unsuccessful. C. Connell Cannon will contact J. Marino to try other dates. New City library is available on Friday mornings as the library is not open to the public.

b. Teen Services – J. Daddio reported that 285 persons registered for Valcon and the program was very successful. At the teen librarians meeting at RCLS the suggestion was made to revamp the Teen Author program as attendance is dwindling. Brainstormed suggestion to create a teen writers program that would culminate in the production of a book written by teens. Suggestion to reach out to John Aiello at Pearl River PL who has hosted a teen writing group and may be a good source of information. Additional suggestion to include teen illustrators. J. Daddio will invite John Aiello to teen meeting.

c. Youth Services – A. Krajcar asked for clarification on submitting minutes of youth services meetings to LARC. Not necessary as her meeting report is included in the board minutes. Youth services will participate in the Halloween Parade. Interested in LARC funding for stuff to distribute. C. Linder made a motion to spend up to \$400 for bracelets with a "read" message. These can be distributed at the parade as well as Youthfest. Second by B. Jennings. Passed. Author event with "PAYCE" and Dominican College being planned for the Spring. Suggestion made to develop a youth award for an author or illustrator similar to suggestion above in the adult services report. General discussion of this idea and possible name for award.

d. Advocates – C. Linder reported that she was unable to get a speaker on foundations. Brian Kinney did not respond to her invitations. Shifting focus to friends groups and to tap into fundraising. She will continue to reach out to potential presenters to address foundations/fundraising. Brainstormed possible scenarios for presentation, perhaps a panel discussion. Suggestion made to invite Brian Kinney to address the annual meeting as there is interest in hearing him speak. In addition, suggestion made to move meeting earlier in the day and include a breakfast. New City library is available on Friday mornings. Possible dates are June 10 or 17, 2016.

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. Grant Committee – C. Connell Cannon reported that the grant committee consists of Veronica Reynolds, Christina Linder and Angela Krajcar, as reported in minutes earlier in the year.

b. By-Laws Review – The board continued the discussion of possible changes to the LARC By-laws. Regarding board membership, no changes to the number of directors on the board and it will remain at 6. Regarding Article 5, #4 motion made by J. Daddio to include "Meetings may be conducted via video-conferencing in accordance with New York State open meetings law". Second C. Connell Cannon. Passed. Article VI, #2 duties of the secretary add, "The secretary is responsible for collecting minutes, budget, County budget, scholarship applications and other pertinent (Board documents) information for the period July 1-June 30 for the archives which will then be sent to the president for review and inclusion in the archives." In addition, add to President's duties Article VI #2 "The president receives the archive folder from the secretary for review and addition of any other materials. The president files materials in the archives"

Regarding Article VI, #3 suggestion made to add "January" to the first sentence, "The President of the Board shall appoint a Nomination Committee in January". Motion to accept the change A. Krajcar. Second C. Linder. Passed

c. Coordinated calendar – M. Gagliardi reported that it is possible on Evance to create an i-calendar RSS feed and create a featured event. Next step will be a survey to find out what calendar libraries are using in the County.

d. Rockland County Funding – Working on it for October.

e. Cultural Sensitivity Training - See above "Adult Services"

f. Digital Public Library of America – Follow-up with Christy Blanchette to see which libraries have not completed the permission slip for their materials to be included in DPLA.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Schedule of hours – More copies are needed. Some corrections were noted. J. Bowen will survey directors for number needed and collect all corrections.

b. Book repair workshop – J. Bowen reported on interest in additional training and will check on presenter availability for the Spring.

c. Oral History Project – See above, "Adult Services"

d. Cancellation of Mental Health Association of Rockland County's Safetalk Program – J. Daddio reported that the program was canceled as it did not meet the minimum registration number. The program will be rescheduled and requires at least 20 participants.

e. Membership – Suggestion made to get the membership application out earlier this year, October or November at latest.

Motion to adjourn A. Krajcar. Second M. Gagliardi. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 12:45.

Next meeting Thursday, October 15, 2015. Location: Valley Cottage Library

Anthony Hosmer, Secretary