

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

Present: Anthony Hosmer, Danielle Connolly, Angela Krajcar, Jennifer Daddio, Christina Ryan-Linder, Brian Jennings, Carol Connell Cannon, Maria Gagliardi

Absent: Tracy Allen, Jennifer Brown, Jessica Bowen, Jane Marino, Joanne Arendes

CALL TO ORDER – 10:03. Meeting called to order by C. Connell Cannon.

1. MINUTES of October 15, 2015. Motion to approve J. Daddio. Second M. Gagliardi. Approved.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT – No report. B. Jennings was given key to post office box. Insurance bill forwarded to J. Arendes. A. Krajcar has reimbursement claim for processing. M. Gagliardi has membership checks. Suggestion made to change all billing to read, "LARC President/Treasurer".

3. DIVISION REPORTS

a. Adult Services – B. Jennings reported that Adult Services met on November 6, 2015. There were 11 participants. They discussed the book of the year and the committee is being coordinated by Veronica Reynolds. They discussed possible prize/purchasing copy of award winning book for all libraries. They discussed the seal design for the award. Next meeting is scheduled for January 15 at Finkelstein. They are considering another training in the Spring for staff/volunteer to work on oral histories. B. Jennings distributed copies of the oral history CD at the board meeting. Copies will be mailed to libraries that are not represented at the board meeting. There is a potential to create additional CD's either based upon a theme or area. Additional focus to be on veterans. Suggestion made to send copies of the CD to newly elected legislators and sitting legislators. Proposal was received for LARC funding for the CD project in the amount of \$421.30 to create 200 CD's. M. Gagliardi made a motion to spend up to \$1,000.00, to be taken from the local history line of the budget, on the CD project. J. Daddio second. Passed. B. Jennings spoke about next possible steps such as purchasing equipment for libraries to borrow to create oral history projects/products. C. Connell Cannon spoke about the successful program on racism. There were approximately 40 participants. Suggestion to offer program on sexual harassment.

b. Teen Services – J. Daddio spoke about the Rockland Teen Writers project. Five teen librarians are involved in this project which will culminate in the publication of a book of Rockland teen writers work. Three authors have agreed to act as editors.. Need money to print books and give honorarium to guest editors. Scheduled for a May launch. Applied for a grant from the NY Council on the Humanities for refreshments. If that is not successful, then they would seek funding from LARC. They would use the \$1,000. Teen budget but will need additional funds. An art contest will coordinate to produce the cover art. All participants will get a free copy of the book and copies will be on sale to parents, etc.

c. Youth Services – Danielle Connolly will take over as the youth services representative. A total of 343 books were collected for the "Give a Kid a Book" project. Mock Newbery and Caldecott scheduled for January. Submitted invoice from Janway for bracelets that were distributed at the Halloween parade. A total of 600 bracelets were distributed. Suggestion for spelling bee at Haverstraw on January 15th. Spoke about extending the "1,000 books before kindergarten" initiative to all 17 libraries.

d. Advocates – C. Ryan-Linder spoke about setting up a plan for the advocacy group. Need 10 members.

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. By-laws review- Discussion of advocates division, standing committee on advocacy, membership in advocates and customer services divisions and how to re-configure the advocates and customer service divisions. Agreed to keep the sections on membership, bylaws, advocacy grants and scholarships. C. Ryan-Linder and C. Connell Cannon will work with M. Gagliardi to define responsibilities of each. Motion to combine advocates and customer service into one group called "supporters" by M. Gagliardi. Second J. Daddio. Passed.

b. Coordinated calendar – No report.

c. Funding – No news.

d. Schedule of hours – Cost for 7,000 copies \$835. with an additional delivery charge. M. Gagliardi made a motion to proceed with printing the schedule of hours cost not to exceed \$1,000. Including delivery. B. Jennings second. Passed.

e. Spring book repair workshop – Report next meeting.

f. Membership application – Motion by M. Gagliardi to raise annual membership fee to \$15.00. J. Daddio second. Passed.

g. Evaluation of LARC by LARC members- Board reviewed the draft survey.

h. Substitute Staff List – The survey will be sent to LARC members only. The survey will specify Symphonyexperience required.

Motion to adjourn M. Gagliardi. B. Jennings second. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 12:15.

Next meeting December 17, 2015. Tentative site Suffern PL – to be confirmed.

Anthony Hosmer,
Secretary