

Library Association of Rockland County  
Minutes  
Executive Board Meeting  
January 21, 2016

Present: Anthony Hosmer, Danielle Connolly, Jennifer Daddio, Maria Gagliardi, Jane Marino, Brian Jennings, Jessica Bowen, Carol Connell Cannon

Absent: Tracy Allen, Jennifer Brown, Joann Arendes

CALL TO ORDER – 10:05. Meeting called to order by C. Connell Cannon.

1. MINUTES of December 17, 2015. Motion to approve J. Daddio. Second M. Gagliardi. Approved.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT – No report.

3. CONFERENCE – Guest: Sarah Rodgers, WLA and Jessica Bowen

S. Rodgers and J. Bowen spoke about partnering opportunities for the Spring Conference to be held by the Westchester Library Association (WLA). S. Rodgers will meet with Liz Anastasi, President of the Westchester Library Association (WLA) to review any issues raised by LARC. Points raised were:

- a. LARC and WLA would co-sponsor conference each year alternating lead responsibilities. WLA will serve as the lead in 2016 and LARC the lead in 2017.
- b. Mutually convenient location. In 2016, the conference will be held at the Double Tree in Tarrytown.
- c. Cost sharing primary reason for partnering.
- d. Attendees to attend at hosting member rates, that is cross honor memberships.
- e. conference to appeal to public, academic, special and school librarians as WLA includes each of these categories. In LARC lead year, program must continue to address each of these groups.
- f. Share cost of keynote.
- g. Ability to attract more workshop leaders among membership.
- h. How to pick theme? Host or joint decision?
- i. Trial run for 2 years.
- j. WLA includes vendor tables – a consideration for the LARC hosting year.
- k. Guarantee a number of attendees and select a date to do so.
- l. Full or half day registrations possible.

Concerns: LARC funding now limited by County and do not permit professional development. Sufficient LARC funds on hand in reserve for 2 year trial run of joint conferences.

Questions: On structure for day; need to build vendor time; budget.

DATE: Friday, May 6, 2016

Theme: Libraries Rooted in the Community: Cultivate, Partner, Grow

Concern raised that theme may conflict with Rockland BOCES branding, "Rooted in the Community". Suggestion for S. Rodgers to reach out to BOCES public relations director, Stephanie Gouss.

Next Steps: How much was spent by WLA on the 2015 conference? Did WLA make money? Expenses/income.

### 3. DIVISION REPORTS

a. Adult Services – B. Jennings reported on meeting on starting an oral history program. Seven people attended. He spoke with Eileen McAdam regarding a training session possibly in April (18<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>). It would be limited to 12 people, hands-on and cost \$500.00. J. Marino made a motion to authorize \$500.00 expenditure for oral history training for adult services. M. Gagliardi second. Passed. B. Jennings spoke with Christy Blanchette regarding HRVH and using the google form for metadata. Regarding marketing of LARC projects, B. Jennings presented idea to get photographer to take quality photos to develop an exhibit. A potential photographer for this project has offered to provide time. Suggestion made to apply for grant being offered by Senator Carlucci's office with MP3 players to explain the exhibit.

b. Teen Services – J. Daddio presented an oral proposal for LARC funding of \$1,500. For teen SCRAWL project. Funds would cover \$700. For printing, \$600 honoraria (\$200. Each for 3 guest author/editors) and \$100. For refreshments. Teen submissions are being received. Next meeting of executive committee scheduled for February 10, 2016. Written proposal to be e-mailed to LARC. M. Gagliardi made a motion to approve request with funds to be taken from the teen services division budget line. Second B. Jennings. Passed

c. Youth Services – D. Connolly shared thank you letter received from the Center for Safety and Change for books received through the "Give a kid a Book" project.

Regarding YouthFest, with new requirements there is no interest in participating this year. However, there were 2 other proposals discussed at meeting attended by 12 people.

Youth Services would like to participate in "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" and is seeking LARC funding for promotional materials, such as advertising, posters pins etc. D. Connolly to bring written proposal to next board meeting.

Second item was Rockland County Storytelling Festival which is trying to incorporate more County involvement. No longer funded by Teachers Center, it is again seeking LARC funding. LARC has declined to fund this organization in the past and this request was shelved.

LARC author event with PAEYC and Dominican College scheduled for Thursday, April 7, 2016. The author is Daniel Kerk. Cost to be split by the 3 agencies and details forthcoming.

d. Advocates – No report. However, M. Gagliardi indicated that two people expressed interest in board membership, one from customer service the other a trustee, Patricia Soto.

#### 4. OLD BUSINESS

a. By-laws review – M. Gagliardi spoke about membership schedule and possible institutional memberships, perhaps structured using the NYLA model. M. Gagliardi to bring new institutional model to board and will try to get more feedback from directors.

b. Coordinated calendar – No report.

c. Rockland County Funding – M. Gagliardi indicated that adopted County budget includes \$39,000. For LARC although LARC did not apply for it. No mention of \$7,000. Application. To try to verify with County.

d. Schedule of hours – J. Bowen reported that they have been ordered.

e. Spring book repair workshop – J. Bowen reported that the book repair workshop is scheduled for May 4, 2016 , 9:00-1:00 at Finkelstein PL.

f. Membership application – 90 received to date

g. Evaluation of LARC by LARC members- M. Gagliardi reported 24% response to date and shared some of those responses.

#### 5. NEW BUSINESS

a. LARC/OLA/SUPLA – J. Bowen reported RCLS continuing education and a networking event to follow up if there is interest.

b. Nominating Committee: Carol Connell Cannon, Jessica Bowen and Maria Gagliardi

c. Scholarship Committee – Anthony Hosmer, Maria Gagliardi

Motion to adjourn M. Gagliardi Second J. Daddio. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 12:20

Next meeting February 18, 2016. Location to be confirmed.

Anthony Hosmer,  
Secretary