

Library Association of Rockland County
Minutes
Executive Board Meeting
February 18, 2016

Present: Anthony Hosmer, Jim Farrell, Danielle Connolly, Jennifer Daddio, Maria Gagliardi, Joann Arendes, Brian Jennings, Jessica Bowen, Carol Connell Cannon, Nancy Wendt, Patricia Soto

Absent: Tracy Allen, Jennifer Brown, Jane Marino

CALL TO ORDER – 10:02. Meeting called to order by C. Connell Cannon.

1. MINUTES of January 21, 2016. Motion to approve M. Gagliardi. Second J. Daddio. Approved.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT – J. Arendes presented the Treasurer's Report. M. Gagliardi made a motion to accept the treasurer's Report. Second J. Daddio. Approved. Motion by J. Arendes to use Komorsky, Mason, Rothstein & Assoc. LLP to prepare the LARC tax return. Second M. Gagliardi. Approved.

On Tuesday, February 23, 2016 there will be a State Legislative meeting at the Nanuet Library from 3:00-5:00 to review library initiatives. C. Connell Cannon will e-mail information to the board.

3. DIVISION REPORTS

a. Adult Services – B. Jennings reported that oral history training has been scheduled for April 20, 2016 at Valley Cottage Library. Question raised to board on charging non-LARC members to attend. It was agreed to limit the training to LARC members. Further question raised in that some libraries want to be trained even though they do not own a digital recorder. Board agreed to limit 1st session to those libraries that have purchased digital recorders. In addition, one (1) per library may attend with others on wait list if space permits. Board members discussed the importance of having the equipment before participating in training. Moving forward, next steps should involve more people from minority communities. B. Jennings created a google doc for metadata. If content is on an Excel spreadsheet it can be easily uploaded to HRVH. Meeting for adult services scheduled for February 19, 2016. J. Bowen shared the LARC Award donor letter.

b. Teen Services – Teen services met last week. There were over 100 submissions for the SCRAWL teen author project. Submissions were received from around the County. These are now being reviewed by a committee. The book launch is scheduled for Friday, May 13, 2016 at 7:00 PM. More information will be forthcoming.

c. Youth Services – Next meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2016. The 1,000 books before kindergarten project is on the agenda. The author event is scheduled for April 7, 2016 at the Suffern Library. The cost is approximately \$150.00 and will be confirmed at the next board meeting. There was a craft swap at the January meeting and the leftover material was donated to the Center for Safety and Change.

d. Advocates – J. Farrell is reviewing materials on trustee education. Question on membership outside of public libraries and exploring options to reach out to everyone. Aside from trustee education, a grant was received on disaster preparedness training and it might be possible to include it in a LARC program.

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. Annual Meeting – Brian Kinney is the keynote speaker for the annual meeting scheduled for June 10, 2016, 9:00-11:00 at the New City Library.

b. By-laws review – M. Gagliardi reported that we are waiting for final word on County funding. Institutional membership may not be necessary if full funding is received.

c. Rockland County Funding – C. Connell Cannon and J. Arendes will complete forms for County.

d. Membership applications - – A total of 142 membership applications have been received to date.

e. Evaluation of LARC by LARC members – Copies given to division chairs with comments from that particular division to review with members in the division.

f. Conference status – Sarah Rodgers will write up an agreement letter with conditions. J. Bowen to follow-up with income and expense report from the last WLA conference for LARC board to use in making a decision to co-sponsor. Concern expressed with getting a timely response for making a decision and participating in the planning of the 2016 Spring conference.

g. LARC/OLA/SUPLA Director's meeting – No decision made at this time.

h. Nominating Committee – M. Gagliardi, J. Bowen and C. Connell Cannon will serve on this committee.

i. Scholarship Committee – J. Marino will assist and C. Connell and A. Hosmer will review applications. A. Hosmer and J. Marino to prepare outline to include professional development grants in lieu of scholarship funding.

New Business

a. Request to translate pamphlet into Spanish – Referred to Barry Koch.

b. Request from OLA to copy LARC pamphlet – Discussion of using LARC pamphlets as a model and perhaps RCLS will help pay for printing.

Motion to adjourn B. Jennings Second J. Daddio. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:20.

Next meeting March 17, 2016. Location Valley Cottage Library

Anthony Hosmer,
Secretary