

Library Association of Rockland County
Minutes
Executive Board Meeting
March 17, 2016

Present: Anthony Hosmer, Danielle Connolly, Jennifer Daddio, Maria Gagliardi, Joann Arendes, Brian Jennings, Jessica Bowen, Carol Connell Cannon, Veronica Reynolds

Absent: Tracy Allen, Jane Marino, Nancy Wendt, Patricia Soto, Jim Farrell

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

1. MINUTES of February 18, 2016. Motion to approve J. Daddio. Second M. Gagliardi. 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.

3. DIVISION REPORTS

a. Adult Services – B. Jennings reported that Adult Services met and discussed the member survey results and including some sort of professional development at every Adult Services meeting. Members were surveyed for professional development topics. A presentation on non-traditional book clubs is set for tomorrow's meeting. The oral history program is booked and will be held at the Valley Cottage Library. The oral History program was mentioned in remarks by Harriet Cornell at the Legislative meeting. Constance Fraser contacted B. Jennings and provided contact information into the minority community. There is potential for another training but unsure of member interest. It was noted that training for oral History is supported by County funding guidelines. Additional training should be considered for pod casting. Suggestion was made to produce another CD. Cost runs about \$500.00 for CD and packaging. Additional costs are incurred to finish CD so that cuts are clean. Suggestion to microfilm and digitize everything we don't have access to in libraries. B. Jennings spoke with Ed Forbes about digitizing early chunk of Journal News. B. Jennings to prepare estimate and proposal for microfilming for Board consideration since County will fund this.

V. Reynolds presented the LARC award sponsor letter soliciting funds. Authors will submit material for consideration. Committee will ask LARC for funds. Motion to accept the LARC Award sponsor letter soliciting funds made by M. Gagliardi. Second J. Daddio. Passed.

b. Teen Services – There are 37 finalists in the SCRAWL project. Two guest editors are lightly editing pieces. J. Daddio read draft letter composed by Mary Phillips from the New City Library. This cover letter for the book to be sent to all legislators will also invite them to the book launch. The date for the launch has been re-scheduled to May 20, 2016. Suggestion made to label books "LARC Press" with the LARC logo above those words.

c. Youth Services – The author event is scheduled for April 7, 2016 at the Suffern Library. This is an event for adults, not children. The costs are \$134.00 plus \$20.00 for food. The group met on Friday and reviewed responses for survey. Continuing Education events are important to members. The next meeting is scheduled for May to discuss 1,000 books before kindergarten.

d. Advocates – No report.

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. Annual Meeting – No report.

b. By-laws review – Electronic voting presents possible issues with LARC list-servs and accuracy of members on list-servs. M. Gagliardi will look at other products similar to mail chimp rather than relying on list-servs. Will review notes on combining advocates and customer service for division chairs.

c. Rockland County Funding – We need a list of things that we plan to do this year. Dollar amounts are not needed, yet. Also need insurance document. New system requires signature for vouchers and quarterly reporting on expenditures for Legislature. Possible items include newspaper projects and transcripts of oral History. Due next is a projection of projects for March through December without dollar amounts. Suggestion to include photographer at conference to take head-shots. B. Jennings will get estimate.

d. Membership applications - – No change since last meeting.

e. Conference status – J. Bowen recommended that LARC wait until Spring 2017 to co-sponsor conference with WLA. This will provide more time for agreement and planning. LARC members will be invited to the WLA 2016 conference and allowed to attend at WLA member rates. Roxanne Orgill will be the keynote speaker.

f. LARC/OLA/SUPLA Director's meeting – No additional information at this time. There is some confusion of the purpose of the meeting. Waiting for feedback from Orange and Sullivan Counties. What is the purpose of the meeting and structure? Feeling among Board members is that this is not a LARC thing.

g. Nominating Committee – Mary Kane has left Orangeburg. Therefore need another nominee for the board. Board member Jennifer Brown is no longer at Stony Point Library which creates a vacancy on the board. C. Connell Cannon will work on replacement wording for J. Brown.

h. Scholarship Committee – A. Hosmer reported no changes to the criteria or applications for scholarships. The board reviewed a draft description and application for continuing education grants. These will utilize scholarship money that is not awarded. Clarifications to the description and application were noted.

New Business

a. RCLS Friends Gathering – The board reviewed a request from Randall Enos from RCLS for funding for refreshments for the RCLS "Friends Gathering". Board agreed that this event is not eligible for funding under County guidelines and declined funding this event.

Motion to adjourn M. Gagliardi. Second J. Daddio. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 12:00

Next meeting March 21, 2016. Location Suffern Library –to be confirmed.

Anthony Hosmer,
Secretary