

LARC Executive Board Meeting

May 19, 2016

Present: Carol Connell Cannon, Jane Marino, Anthony Hosmer (late), Jennifer Daddio, Jessica Gordon, Brian Jennings, Danielle Connolly, Patricia Soto, Jessica Bowen, Joann Arendes.

Absent: Tracy Allen, Jim Farrell, Maria Gagliardi

CALL TO ORDER -10:05 Meeting call to order by C. Connell Cannon.

1. Minutes of April 21, 2016. Motion to approve: J. Daddio. Second: Danielle Connolly. Approved.
2. Treasurer's Report: Joann Arendes. J. Arendes presented the Treasurer's Report, reviewing the balance sheet and the detailed expense report. C. Connell Cannon asked for a clarification on the Financials for the Annual Report, to be given at the Annual Meeting. J. Arendes clarified that it would be January-December, 2015. B. Jennings made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Second J. Daddio. Approved.
3. Division Reports. Adult Services:
 - a. B. Jennings presented a proposal from Hudson Archival for digitizing and preparing microfilms of bound copies of the Rockland County Times which were retrieved from the Brick Museum in Haverstraw. After discussion, it was resolved to authorize B. Jennings to work with Hudson Archival to digitize and prepare master microfilms for the Rockland County Times for an amount not to exceed \$17,000. The years to be digitized will be determined by Brian and then reported in more detail to the Board as the work progresses so that a report can be made to Rockland County on the expenditure of their grant.
 - b. Brian also reported on his attendance at the Digital Advisory Committee, part of SENYLRC, where there was a lot of discussion about digital "Rights Statements" and the notion that LARC and HRVH might want to think about that going forward with digital content.
 - c. Brian reported that there will be a display on the Oral Histories already accumulated at the Garnerville Arts Festival on May 21 and 22. This could serve as a model for future displays. Also, on July 11, at 1:00pm there will be a workshop on African-American Oral Histories by Cheryl Wilson.
 - d. The new LARC book award has received a grant from the Kurz Family Foundation for \$1,000. J. Marino moved and J. Bowen seconded that this grant will be used for prize money for the new award.
 - e. Brian also reported on the Adult Services meeting at which Anya Berg reported on the Palisades Library's Centennial Celebration and Veronica Reynolds from New City showed the video from her library's celebration.
4. Teen Services.
 - a. J. Daddio reported that the release party for the new book SCRAWL will take place at the Valley Cottage Library on Friday May 20th at 7:00 pm. She expects 80-90 people to

attending, including the teens who contributed, their parents, a few of the guest editors and hopefully some elected officials and members of the press.

5. Youth Services
 - a. D.Connelly reported that her division met last week. They discussed whether or not a new chair would be elected.
6. Advocates
 - a. No report
7. Old Business
 - a. Annual Meeting. Preparations are underway, spearheaded by J. Bowen, M. Gagliardi and C. Connell Cannon. There was discussion about the program, refreshments and potential size of the attendance. With a great keynote speaker and the awarding of 5 scholarships, we are optimistic for a good turnout.
 - b. By-laws review. C. Connell Cannon reported by M. Gagliardi that the revisions to the By-laws have been completed and will be voted on at the Annual Meeting. These changes had been reviewed and approved by the Board in April, 2016.
 - c. Rockland County Funding. C. Connell Cannon reported that we have received half of the County grant for this year, the majority of which will be spent on digitization of the Rockland County Times, as authorized by the Board. A project to digitize the Journal News may be a good use for the second half of the money.
 - d. Membership applications. J. Bowen, reporting for M. Gagliardi, stated that there were five additional members this month. J. Marino added that three more members were added as a result of Scholarship applications.
 - e. WLA Conference follow-up. J. Bowen reported that WLA required her to pay \$30 more for a vendor table and that she had nice traffic to the table. She is working with WLA representatives on preparations for next year's conference which LARC will host.
 - f. Scholarship Committee. J. Marino reported that she and A. Hosmer met earlier this week to review the applications and they are recommending the Board approve the following recommended winners:
 - i. Michael Grella (Nyack Library) for the Trudell Award
 - ii. Amanda Grienvalds for the Brunsman Award
 - iii. Kimberly Carletta for LARC scholarship
 - iv. Jennifer Fratello for LARC scholarship
 - v. Rio Aucena for LARC scholarship.
 - B. Jennings moved and J. Bowen seconded to approve a \$1,000 scholarship award for each candidate.
 - g. Book Repair Workshop J. Bowen reported that 22 people attended the workshop and it was well received.
8. New Business. Christy Blanchette submitted a written request to the Board that two external hard drives be approved for the purposed of redundant back of the HRVH images. J. Marino moved and A. Hosmer seconded the motion to approve the purchase which will be around \$80-\$100 per hard drive.
9. Adjournment.