

Library Association of Rockland County

Minutes

January 19, 2017

Attendance: Danielle Connolly, Ashley Maraffino, Jim Farrell, Debra McDermott, Maria Gagliardi, Jessica Bowen, Jessica Gordon, Nancy Wendt, Patricia Soto, Anthony Hosmer

CALL TO ORDER – 9:55am meeting called to order by M. Gagliardi.

TREASURER’S REPORT – M. Gagliardi reported the profit and loss for 2016. LARC has a net income from 2016 of \$13,500. Increasing membership dues five dollars helped increase profit. M. Gagliardi has a copy of all transactions for 2016. N. Wendt made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report, P. Soto seconded. Approved.

M. Gagliardi reported on the status of funding from Rockland County. The county is still at a stalemate and not currently providing updates. She has been searching for information online. Ed Day may move nonprofits under county budget. This move would free up how LARC can use funds.

NEW TREASURER – J. Farrell made a combined motion to accept Debra McDermott as the new treasurer and member of the executive committee, seconded by N. Wendt. Approved.

2017 BUDGET – M. Gagliardi reported that the big difference between the 2016 and 2017 budgets is the conference costs. LARC hosting joint WLA/LARC conference this year but will split the cost of the keynote speaker, Pamela Paul, with WLA.

N. Wendt asked about reimbursement for books-by-mail. M. Gagliardi reported \$500 budgeted for 2017. Only a few libraries take part in the program. A. Hosmer questioned why books-by-mail budget line was reduced to \$500 in 2017 when \$704 was spent on the program in 2016. M. Gagliardi suggested increasing budget to \$700 for 2017.

MEMBERSHIP SOFTWARE – N. Wendt gave a presentation on Wild Apricot membership software. Cost is \$70 per month for 500 members with no set up fee. It is encouraged to pay for a year upfront to receive a 10% discount; can cancel at any time. Wild Apricot allows each member to manage their own profile, is easy to navigate, provides internal email, and can also be used to create a new web site for LARC. N. Wendt reported LARC would have to set up software which would take approximately one month to get going. J. Farrell moved to purchase Wild Apricot, N. Wendt seconded. Approved.

M. Gagliardi: with 10% discount price for the year, Wild Apricot will cost \$756. Membership software budget line for 2017 changed from \$1800 to \$756.

A motion was made by N. Wendt to approve the 2017 budget, J. Bowen seconded. Approved.

DIVISION REPORTS

Adult Services

No report. Next meeting to be held on January 26.

Advocates

No report

Customer Service

N. Wendt reported that the sub list has been completed. Copies were handed out. The list will be updated each quarter. All subs are LARC members. A link to the sub list will be sent to the LARC member listserv. Next meeting to be held on February 9.

Teen Services

No meeting in December. SCRAWL deadline was January 16. Next meeting to be held on January 25.

Youth Services

Held successful Mock Caldecott/Newbery discussions at Valley Cottage Library on January 17. Next meeting to be held January 27.

OLD BUSINESS

Conference

J. Bowen reported on the progress of conference planning. Keynote speaker is Pamela Paul, editor of the NY Times Book Review. A list of conference speakers was passed out. Honorarium for presenter Erica Freudenberger was increased from \$150 to \$200 to cover some travel expenses. J. Farrell made a motion to approve the list of conference speakers, N. Wendt seconded. Approved.

Golf Fundraiser

J. Farrell setting up meeting with contact at Rockland Country Club.

Conflict of Interest Policy

Policies were distributed and signed by board members.

Next meeting date is February 16 at Pearl River Library.

N. Wendt moved to adjourn at 12:07pm, J. Gordon seconded. All in favor.