

Library Association of Rockland County

Minutes

February 16, 2017

Attendance: Anthony Hosmer, Carol Connell Cannon, Nancy Wendt, Maria Gagliardi, Jessica Gordon, Jim Farrell, Jane Marino, Jessica Bowen, Pat Soto, Debra McDermott, Danielle Connolly, Ashley Maraffino, Sara Nugent

CALL TO ORDER – 9:58 Meeting called to order by M. Gagliardi

MINUTES of January 2017 C. Connell Cannon moved to accept, J. Farrell 2nd, all in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT – D. McDermott distributed the 2017 Profit/Loss report. Two deposits from 12/27 and 12/29 in the amount of \$230 do not have corresponding deposit slips. M. Gagliardi and J. Marino will check their records to verify the deposits so that D. McDermott can apply amounts to the correct line item. Wild Apricot's check is prepared and will be sent rush to Canada. The expense will be applied to Dues/Subscriptions.

J. Farrell moved to accept the Treasurer's report, J. Gordon 2nd, all in favor.

DIVISION REPORTS

Adult Services

A. Maraffino reported they held their last meeting on 1/26 with guest speaker, Veronica Reynolds. Three finalists were selected for the Book of the Year award and sent off to the guest judges for the final selection.

Advocates

P. Soto reported that March 1 is Library Advocacy Day in Albany. She encouraged promotion of the bus trip to all. She reported with proposed NYS funding cuts to systems we need to do more to advocate for Rockland libraries. A. Hosmer noted the proposed cut is 4% and also would affect the BOCES/school library funding.

J. Farrell suggested early meetings or local breakfast with local legislators with only LARC representation, champions and Board members, as early as November before the final NYS budget is prepared.

On Feb 23 at 9:30am the Nanuet Library will be hosting a budget meeting with Senator Carlucci. M. Gagliardi plans to attend.

Customer Service

N. Wendt reported their planned Feb meeting was postponed to 3/9 due to snow. Once the Wild Apricot software is live, she will work with C. Connolly Cannon to set up.

Teen Services

J. Gordon reported she was awarded a \$500 grant for SCRAWL from "Young Adults Write Now" to help offset costs to produce SCRAWL. YAWN entries were submitted under the Horror Writers of American division. The check has not yet been received.

All of the final submissions were sent to the guest editors for final review. Final artwork has been selected and the committee is thrilled with it. A final location for the SCRAWL event is still TBD, but likely to be held in Nyack.

Two tickets for Spine Out have been donated by Emmy Laybourne. J. Gordon will raffle off now since the event is in March.

Youth Services – No report.

Their last meeting was held on 1/27. No progress in the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten committee. The next meeting is 3/10. A discussion about acceptable format and minute distribution occurred regarding division activities with no resolution.

OLD BUSINESS

Conference

J. Bowen will have 1000 programs printed up at a cost of \$525. To date they have six vendors. The breakfast will be continental and available outside of the Watson Room. The lunch will be a buffet. Kosher meals will need to be specified. All other food allergies will be handled at the venue on the day of the conference. Barry will be given a tight deadline to produce the program. Pricing and deadlines were discussed and J. Bowen is looking at 3/31 as Early Bird deadline and 4/21 as regular rate deadline. J. Bowen will send out a poll and set up next committee date meeting.

Golf Fundraiser.

J. Farrell had no report.

J. Farrell suggested a monopoly type game to highlight Rockland libraries and local legislators as a fundraiser. The group liked the idea and so J. Farrell will investigate costs and report back.

Membership.

J. Marino reported we have 184 members and the spreadsheet has been updated. J. Marino will send N. Wendt an updated EXCEL spreadsheet to make import of information easier for Wild Apricot migration.

Membership Software

N. Wendt agreed to manage the software. She, Carol and Jane will meet once the software is live. J. Bowen hopes to be able to use it for conference registration and payment.

M. Gagliardi made a motion to set up a Pay Pal account on behalf of LARC for online payments. J. Marino 2nd, all in favor.

Sub List

M. Gagliardi reported she has again used someone off of the sub list and it was successful.

County Funding 2017

M. Gagliardi reported that she has received confirmation from the County that we will receive 50% of our requested funding. She has been told the paperwork has been sent and so will be on the lookout for it.

New Business**LARC Signatories**

M. Gagliardi reported that outdated bank signers need to be updated. The bank requires a motion be made and approved to add new officers and remove old.

M. Gagliardi made a motion to remove Jack Brand, Joann Arendes, Carol Connell Cannon, Laura Grunberg and Jessica Bowen as signers on the accounts and add Debra McDermott and Jane Marino as signers. J. Farrell 2nd, all in favor.

New account signers will need to go to the New City branch to file paperwork.

BOCES Workshops.

A. Hosmer invited all to attend two workshops School Library System is hosting on March 10 at 9am.

Teaching Tolerance: Bring anti-bias education to your school for K-12 presented by Lois Parker-Hennion

Shared Stories, Open Minds: Using Stories to Facilitate Discussions About Identity and LGBT Issues presented by Dr. Laura Shapiro of GLSEN/Hudson Valley.

If interested in attending either please contact A. Hosmer.

Scholarship Committee

A. Hosmer and J. Marino will form the committee to review application documents, revise deadlines, review submissions and select winners.

Committee agreed that anyone seeking an MLS in any field is eligible for the LARC Scholarship. The Trudell and Brunsmann may have different restrictions.

NYS Library for the Blind /Talking Book and Braille Library

J. Farrell handed out pamphlets and showed the equipment. J. Farrell thinks this is a great service to be promoting to our communities. Encouraged all to contact NYS ask for promotional material and demo equipment. This is an all age service and free to participants.

N. Wendt made a motion to adjourn, J. Farrell 2nd, all in favor.

Next meeting Thursday, March 30th at 10am at the Suffern Free Library (note date change).