

Library Association of Rockland County
Minutes
Executive Board Meeting
April 19, 2012

Present: Anthony Hosmer, Christina Ryan-Lindner, Jack Brand, Sara Nugent, Amelia Kalin, Veronica Reynolds, Maria Gagliardi, Jessica Bowen, Janet Lukas, Lauren Banks

Also present for part of meeting: Sam Simon, Lisa Wolff

CALL TO ORDER - 10:00 Maria Gagliardi called the meeting to order.

1. MINUTES of March 8, 2012. Motion to approve V. Reynolds, second by C. Ryan-Lindner. Approved.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT – Treasurer's Report was distributed. J. Brand is working with County to respond for requests for additional information prior to release of funds. There was a discussion of the current dues structure. No changes will be made at this time. S. Nugent made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Second by J. Brand. Approved.

3. DIVISION REPORTS

a. Adult Services – V. Reynolds reported on the Hand-Held Librarians Online Conference. There were 8 participants. Staffing is an issue in getting released time for participants. There was a discussion of future programs, costs and scheduling conflicts with other organizations. V. Reynolds reported on the proposal received from Diane Firestone from Tomorrow's Workplace. They are requesting LARC support in the form of marketing and promoting Tomorrow's Workplace "One Stop" workshops as LARC events. Next steps: V. Reynolds will e-mail proposal to M. Gagliardi who will forward it to the directors to ascertain how many libraries are willing to host the workshops. If there is not enough interest, LARC will not support this initiative. There is no financial commitment on the part of LARC.

b. Teen Services – C. Ryan-Lindner inquired on LARC support for sending 3 librarians from each library to Fall Into Books which will be held in Kingston. A. Hosmer noted that funding is included for this in the budget. The budget includes \$1,500. for reimbursements for attendance at Fall Into Books. This permits each library to send two participants. Libraries must register as early bird registrations as LARC only funds the early birds registration fee. Refunds are sent upon proof of attendance. Youth Fest was a success and C. Ryan-Lindner encouraged participation again next year but noted that coverage for Teen Services was not sufficient.

c. Youth Services – L. Banks also reported on the success of Youth Fest and consensus to continue participating. Youth Services had sufficient coverage. Bob Shea and Dan Yaccarino are being considered for the author program. At the March meeting, it was noted that reference collections are shrinking and those materials are moving into circulating. This movement does reflect school needs.

d. Advocates – C. Ryan-Linder volunteered to chair the advocates section along with Teen Services. Rebecca Smith Aldrich has agreed to be a presenter for an advocates program on October 25, 2012. It will be held at the Pearl River Public Library with a start time of 6:30. Sandwiches will be provided. There is a max of \$500. available for presenter fees. C. Ryan-Lindner will check on fees for R. Smith Aldrich. The program will last one hour with additional time for questions and answers. The goal is advocacy, getting people involved and strategic planning. Participants should leave with an actionable goal.

e. Customer Service Division – Program on empathic communications will take place on May 3, 2012, 9:30-12:30, at Nanuet PL. The target was 40 participants and it seems that it will reach that mark. There is also interest in Excel and Microsoft Office for library staff. V. Reynolds offered to conduct this session, possibly in the Fall.

4. COUNTYWIDE PROJECTS

- a. Hudson River Valley Heritage – M. Gagliardi reported no update but moving along.
- b. Rockland County Times – M. Gagliardi reported no update. Contract has been submitted.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. LARC Archive Cleanup – M. Gagliardi reported no movement. Schedule to organize the archive has been completed and \$600. was allocated for archivist to organize the files. She will contact potential archivist to ascertain interest.
- b. Geek the Library – There are 11 libraries participating in this program at the Rockland Boulders Game Night.
- c. LARC website - V. Reynolds reported that she needs the domain (DNS) in order to move forward. LIS will host the site for \$140. per year. Billing is online and requires a credit card. If this is a problem, we can look at alternatives. V. Reynolds will design the site.
- d. Annual Meeting – Will take place on June 19, 2012, 6:30 PM, at Valley Cottage PL. V. Reynolds will prepare a flyer. A. Kalin will chair the nominating committee to fill two vacancies on the Board. She will be assisted by J. Bowen.
- e. Scholarships – One application received so far. Deadline is May 3, 2012. J. Lukas and A. Hosmer will review applications and make recommendations to the Board.
- f. Sam Simon's request to revise the LARC mission statement -

S. Simon joined the meeting at 10:15. He explained to the Board his recommendation for changes to the LARC mission statement. He addressed issues of censorship and advocacy. S. Simon left following this discussion. The Board continued this discussion. M. Gagliardi, A. Hosmer, A. Kalin and C. Ryan-Lindner will serve on a committee to review the mission statement and make recommendations to the Board.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Lisa Wolfe from Barnes and Noble to discuss Nook e-book program
- L. Wolfe discussed the Nooks options available from Barnes and Noble. They can be preloaded and circulated among patrons. She explained the different Nook choices - Simple Touch \$99.00, Simple Touch with Glow Light \$139.00, Nook Color \$169.00 and Nook Tablet \$249.00 (16gig) or \$199.00 (8gig). Content is purchased separately. Purchase of 10 devices and Barnes and Noble will manage the program at no cost. Barnes and Noble also offers in store books fairs as a fund raiser.

J. Brand made a motion to adjourn. Second by J. Lukas. Approved.

Next meeting Thursday, May 17, 2012 at Valley Cottage PL.

Anthony Hosmer,
Secretary