

Library Association of Rockland County  
Minutes  
Executive Board Meeting  
February 16, 2012

Present: Anthony Hosmer, Sara Nugent, Lauren Banks, Maria Gagliardi, Benjamin Reid, Christina Ryan Linder, Jack Brand, Janet Lukas, Veronica Reynolds, Jessica Bowen, A. Kalin

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

Meeting began with the introduction of Christina Ryan Linder, teen librarian at Pearl River PL, who will replace B. Reid as Teen Services representative to the board.

1. MINUTES of January 26, 2012. Motion to approve A. Kalin, second by V. Reynolds. Approved.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT – Treasurer's Report was distributed. Members reviewed the budget. V. Reynolds made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Second by L. Banks. Approved.

3. DIVISION REPORTS

a. Adult Services – V. Reynolds met with Diane Firestone to get more information regarding the Tomorrow's Workplace project. The project at Haverstraw PL is grant funded and D. Firestone was looking to develop sustainability for the program upon completion of the grant. They need regular meeting space where job skills and resume assistance can be offered. They also had access to "Learn Key" database but lost the funding for it. LARC is not interested in funding the database. The suggestion was made for a few libraries to be sites for sustainability of the meeting space for training and perhaps job fairs. However, there was some confusion among the board members as to what Tomorrow Workplace envisions for next step upon the conclusion of the grant. V. Reynolds will follow-up and request a written proposal outlining what is expected of LARC. Rights to the "Handheld Librarian Conference" archive were purchased. Board members will review the conference presentations and make suggestions for segments to be offered to LARC members at a ½ day program to be offered in April at the New City Library. V. Reynolds will serve as discussion facilitator at that program. She will also check on meeting room availability at New City PL.

b. Teen Services - B. Reid reported that Teen Services are preparing for Youth Fest. The author (Barry Lyga) visit is scheduled for March 28<sup>th</sup> and will include Haverstraw PL, Valley Cottage PL and Suffern PL.

c. Youth Services – L. Banks that Youth Services and there is high interest in a program on autism and autism spectrum disorders. A. Hosmer reported that he sent a request to the District Superintendent at BOCES and Cathy O'Brien to offer this program. No response has been received to date. The author program is scheduled for early October. No author has been selected, yet.

d. Advocates – There was a discussion of a Fall workshop for trustees. Potential presenters are Gerry Nichols and Rebecca Smith Aldrich. C. Linder will contact Rebecca Smith Aldrich for her availability. The suggested topic is strategic planning. Fee for presenter is \$500.

e. Customer Service Division – Discussion of possible workshop. Suggestions include presentation from NAMI, diffusing tense situations or conflict mediation. B. Reid will follow-up with presenter for program on active listening to be held in June.

4. COUNTYWIDE PROJECTS

a. Hudson River Valley Heritage – M. Gagliardi reported that although the laptop has been fixed the software has not be installed. Tappan FL is ready to be sent up.

b. Rockland County Times – M. Gagliardi was unsuccessful in reaching Toya. A message was left that \$5,000. has been set aside to continue this project this year.

#### 5. OLD BUSINESS

a. LARC Archive Cleanup – M.Gagliardi and R. Bolin will work on schedule and how to organize the archive. Question raised on website and posting minutes to website. V. Reynolds offered to work on new website. Discussion followed on alternatives. V. Reynolds will make inquiries on "LIS" host on next steps in developing a new website. She'll look at some "Wordpress" themes. The board should think about what is wanted on website especially on the top bar.

b. Geek the Library – Ten of seventeen libraries have already indicated that they will participate in this program at a Rockland Boulders game. The game date is July 7, 2012 at 7:00. The libraries must sell 250 tickets to qualify to throw the first pitch. Each library will have a link form their webpage with a promo code. Tickets cost \$11.50-\$17.00 and \$3.00 per ticket is donated to LARC. Parking is an additional \$5.00. No decision on how funds will be distributed to the libraries. The suggestion was made to use a different promo code for each library to track patron participation and help with distribution of funds. The team mascot will go to story time at participating libraries.

#### 6. NEW BUSINESS

a. BISAC in the library There was a discussion of BISAC, using the bookstore model in the library. The board will not pursue this at this time, but will monitor the professional literature for the pros and cons of this model.

b. Annual Meeting Date – There was a discussion of potential speakers for the annual meeting. No resolution but potential names included Sara Vowell and Elliot Forrest. The program will take place the second week of June at Valley Cottage PL. A. Kalin will confirm date availability.

c. Suggestion was made for LARC to sponsor a bus to a future PLA conference for members. It was suggested that a bus be sponsored for one day participation at the NYLA conference in November in Saratoga.

S. Nugent made a motion to adjourn. Second by J. Brand. Approved

Next meeting Thursday, March 8, 2012 at Valley Cottage PL.

Anthony Hosmer,  
Secretary