

Library Association of Rockland County
Minutes
Executive Board Meeting
January 26, 2012

Present: Anthony Hosmer, Benjamin Reid, Maria Gagliardi, Lauren Banks, Sara Nugent, Jessica Bowen, Janet Lukas, Jack Brand, Veronica Reynolds

Guest: Mary Blake

CALL TO ORDER - 10:03 Maria Gagliardi called the meeting to order.

1. MINUTES of December 15, 2011. Motion to approve S. Nugent, second by J. Brand. Approved.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT – Treasurer's Report was distributed. Members reviewed and discussed the budget for 2012. The amount approved by the legislature was \$44, 175.00. Funds have not been received. S. Nugent made a motion to accept the budget as presented. Second by L. Banks. Approved.

3. DIVISION REPORTS

a. Adult Services - V. Reynolds reported that she will contact Diana Firestone at Haverstraw PL regarding possible collaboration with "Tomorrow's Workplace". Following board discussion, V. Reynolds will look into offering "tips and tricks" training on using Symphony. There was a discussion of the upcoming "Handheld Library" online conference. S. Nugent made a motion to use \$100. to purchase rights to the archive version of this conference. Board members will divide time to view the archive and report back to the rest of the board. Second by V. Reynolds. Passed.

b. Teen Services - B. Reid reported that Youth Fest is approaching and teen and youth services will each have a booth. Cost per booth is \$50. Question asked on method to evaluate if teen and youth service presence at Youth Fest is a success. In the past, count of libraries represented and number of visitors to booth were recorded. Laser tag guns were used for program at Suffern FL on January 20, 2012. Author visit to feature Barry Lyga. Replacement for teen services representative to the board to be announced at next board meeting.

c. Youth Services – L. Banks reported that the "mocks" were a success. No author has been selected for the author program. Plans have begun for the summer reading program.

d. Advocates – M. Gagliardi reported that this section is in need of a chairperson. Suggestion was made to work on program for trustees.

e. Customer Service Division – It was reported that a request was made at the director's meeting for a program to address working with mentally challenged people especially for defusing a situation with a mentally challenged patron. It was pointed out that NAMI gave a presentation on this topic last year and only 5 people attended. V. Reynolds will investigate a program with a more customer service viewpoint. Discussion of program for working with patrons with autism or autism spectrum. A. Hosmer suggested joint program with school librarians. There was a discussion of the autism program at the LARC conference in 2011. It was suggested that a full day program be explored. This would be for both professional and support staff. A. Hosmer will contact Dr. Mary Jean Marsico at BOCES about a follow-up program.

4. COUNTYWIDE PROJECTS

a. Hudson River Valley Heritage – M. Gagliardi reported that the laptop has been fixed. The hard drive was broken and was fixed at no cost by Dell. Tappan FL was approved for scanning and the project can resume.

b. Rockland County Times – This project will continue and has been included in the 2012 budget.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. LARC Archive Cleanup – M. Gagliardi visited the archive with R. Bolin. Contents go back to 1960's and include notebooks, binders etc. Looking for someone with some library experience to review archive content for duplicates that can be eliminated. Discussion to scan older material first. No decision made on whether to organize material sequentially or by topic. S. Nugent made a motion for M. Gagliardi to coordinate with R. Bolin to hire someone to begin organization of archives not to exceed \$595. for total project. Second by J. Brand. Approved.

b. Geek the Library – J. Bowen reported that Saturday, July 7, 2012 has been selected as Rockland Libraries night at the Rockland Boulders game. Tickets will range from \$11.50-\$17.00 with \$3.00 from each ticket going to Rockland libraries. There will be a link from each library website for tickets. LARC gets to throw out the first pitch. As part of the marketing effort, the team mascot will come to storytime at each library at no cost. It was suggested to include the school libraries in this effort when the public librarians visit to talk about the summer reading program. No decision on how to distribute funds raised. J. Bowen will check on promotional materials.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. 2012 Budget Approved – Reviewed and approved during Treasurer's Report (see above).

b. Membership Drive Update – J. Bowen and J. Brand reported that checks are being received.

c. Sam Simon's request to add Fighting Censorship to LARC's Mission – Board members discussed and considered this suggestion. It was decided that the board can address these issues without changing the mission statement. No further action taken.

S. Nugent made a motion to adjourn. Second by L. Banks. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:25

Next meeting Thursday, February 16, 2012 at Valley Cottage PL.

Anthony Hosmer,
Secretary