

Library Association of Rockland County
Minutes
Executive Board Meeting
September 11, 2014

Present: Anthony Hosmer, Tracy Allen, Christina Linder, Jennifer Daddio, Laura Grunweg, Jessica Bowen, Jack Brand, Maria Gagliardi, Angela Krajcar, Veronica Reynolds

CALL TO ORDER – 10:00. T. Allen called the meeting to order.

1. MINUTES of July 17, 2014. Motion to approve V. Reynolds. Second M. Gagliardi. Passed.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT – J. Brand presented the Treasurer's Report. We have not received funds from County, yet. Received notice from IRS of \$580. Late filing fee. Motion to approve budget M. Gagliardi. Second C. Linder. Passed. J. Brand announced retirement at end of current term (June 2015).

3. DIVISION REPORTS

a. Adult Services – V. Reynolds reported supportive feedback from people attending the Senior Fair. "The Cube" will be coming to New City PL. Ten different libraries will participate and the 5 towns will be represented. Interviews will continue after this project but they will not be professionally prepared. Brian Jennings will conduct these audio interviews. Discussion of purchasing new LARC banner and table cloth when the new logo is selected and barcoding it for tracking purposes.

b. Teen Services – To be represented by J. Daddio. Suggestion made for directors to address Teen Services in Rockland County. Some libraries are merging youth and teen services to provide continuity. Suggestion made to incorporate trainings to attract teen and youth services librarians. Lauren Britton suggested to discuss makerspaces. Jennifer Connelly program scheduled for Thursday, September 18, 2014 at 6:30 at the Holocaust Center. Blauvelt teen advisory group to work with younger children.

c. Youth Services – A. Krajcar reported that no meetings have taken place. Discussion of participating in the Nyack Halloween Parade and perhaps distributing LARC branded candy. Suggestion to be made to directors to offer work hours to attend parade. The children's brochure is ready to send to Barry.

d. Advocates – C. Linder attended the Warwick board meeting. C.Linder spoke with Donna Applegate regarding a program to be scheduled for the Spring. Spoke about Jim Reed discussing legal issues in libraries for the Spring conference.

e. Customer Service – The book repair workshop had 25 participants and the feedback was positive.

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. Logo - No new information. Suggested update and review of designs at next meeting.

b. Shadow Day – Worksheet to be sent to directors. Event open to Rockland libraries only.

c. Substitutes - - Discussed the creation of a pool for temporary workers for libraries. BUCKLES was contacted but did not have a solution. Discussion included the possibility of using a temp agency for coverage when employees are absent. A. Hosmer suggested contacting Sharlene Brown who supervises the BOCES registry which finds teaching and clerical substitutes for staff absences in school districts in Rockland.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Annual Meeting – Took place on June 19th at the Valley Cottage Library 6:30-8:30. There were approximately 40 participants.

b. Conference Report – J. Bowen suggested Simon Sinek from Columbia as a possible keynote speaker. Discussion of partnering with Westchester Library System to host a conference, possibly in 2016. Doodle poll to be set up for next conference committee meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 11:33. Passed

Next meeting October 14, 9:30 at Finkelstein..

Anthony Hosmer,
Secretary