

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF ROCKLAND COUNTY

Minutes

Executive Board Meeting

April 17, 2009 9:30 AM

Valley Cottage Library

Present: Amelia Kalin, Jack Brand, Anthony Hosmer, Tom Berman, Ruth Bolin, Janet Lukas, Lauren Brosius, Susan Schuler, Joanne Sininsky

Excused: Melinda Watkins, Sara Nugent

1. CALL TO ORDER – 10:03 by R. Bolin

2. Minutes of February 19, 2009 – T. Berman motion to approve. J. Brand 2nd.
Approved

3. TREASURER'S REPORT – J. Brand. 233 paid memberships to date. Ten checks received today. Libraries are using the books by mail service. J. Sininsky motion to approve. J. Lukas 2nd. Approved.

4. DIVISION REPORTS

- Adult Services-Planning for “Web 2.0 What’s New” is ongoing. May 26th is the tentative date for the visit to the West Point Library. Fall program about service for people with disabilities is still in progress. Article in The Journal News on homebound mail service was repeated in Rockland Express. Channel 12 expressed an interest in an interview with T. Berman and a recipient of homebound services. However, it could not be arranged due to the short notice and turn around time expected by Channel 12.

- Advocates – J. Sininsky is working on another program possibly with Gerry Nichols.

- Youth Services – L. Brosius reported that Youthfest was a success. Approximately 150 children and teens participated in the raffle. Librarians who are entitled for payment for their participation need to get their names to Jack.

On May 28th the teen librarians will visit the Japan Society. Two authors have been identified as possible speakers for the Teen author program in Sep./Oct. They are Emily Lockhart and Robin Wasserman. Emily is \$1,500., Robin is \$500. plus expenses.

5. COUNTYWIDE PROJECTS

- Rockland Images – Sally Pelligrini of New City Library is working on a Haverstraw project. Ruth spoke with 4 libraries regarding the Rockland County Times project. Each library has gaps in their collection. The old paper copies have been stabilized and the mold corrected. We must set priority on what to copy. It may be practical to identify the gaps and print those items rather than all the paper copies.

- Homebound Delivery – Directors spoke about a possible flyer for hospice and Meals on Wheels to distribute to their patrons. Joann can prepare posters for the libraries to display. Tom will get her pertinent information to include.

- Advertising – We missed the deadline for the spring issue of Rockland Magazine. We need publicity ideas for discussion at our next meeting.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- Conference 2009 – April 27, 2009 Susan reported on registrations received. There will be 168 participants for the lunch. She also provided a breakdown of the numbers for each session. Ruth reviewed the schedule for the day and room arrangements. There was a discussion of introductions, table centerpieces, folder inserts and raffle materials. Financial support has been received from Star Press and Liberty Insurance. RCLS promised support but an invoice must be sent to receive the money. There will be one evaluation placed in each folder rather than an evaluation at each workshop. Set-up can begin at 7:00 and Ruth suggested that board members arrive about 7:30 to become familiar with the set-up of the conference center (Comfort Inn).

- Website calendar form – Ruth had one of her staff members try it who thought there was ambiguity to some of the questions. Ruth will e-mail the form to the board and asked that everyone review it for clarity.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- Annual Meeting – scheduled for June 2nd at Valley Cottage, 6:45PM. Joanne will prepare the flyer and distribute to membership and receive RSVPs. Tom will contact the author, Jennifer 8 Lee, for a press kit and forward it to Joanne. Her book will be available for sale. Tom will contact Barnes and Noble and see if they will coordinate this sale.

- Scholarships – Joanne reported that 7 applications have been received. She and Anthony will meet to review and select recipients for board approval.

- Job Hunting Skills – There was a discussion of the need and timeliness of a workshop on job hunting skills and resume writing. Lauren spoke with Ann Thornton about NYPLs efforts in this area. She will get further information to bring to the next board meeting.

8. NEXT MEETING – May 14, 2009, 10:00 AM Suffern Free Library.

9. ADJOURNMENT – J. Lukas motion to adjourn 11:15. Approved.