

Library Association of Rockland County
Minutes
Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, September 16, 2010
Suffern Free Library

Present: Ruth Bolin, Maria Gagliardi, Julia Bowersox, Lauren Cully, Janet Lukas, Joanne Sininsky, Sara Nugent, Veronica Reynolds, Jack Brand, Anthony Hosmer, Melinda Watkins

GUEST – Natasha Rabin from the Hopper House 40th Anniversary committee – explained the 2011 celebration and invited LARC participation. Ruth, Joanne and Anthony were appointed to work on LARC possibilities. Joanne will follow-up on a listing of possible speakers.

1. CALL TO ORDER - 10:15 Melinda Watkins
2. MINUTES of July 15, 2010 – Were not distributed – Will be sent out
3. TREASURER’S REPORT – The Treasurer’s Report was reviewed By Jack Brand. Discussion of anticipated expenditures until the end of the year. One payment from the County is still outstanding. Motion to approve the Treasurers’s report – A. Hosmer, Second, M. Gagliardi. Unanimously approved
4. DIVISION REPORTS
 - a. Adult Services (Veronica) – August planning meeting – low attendance – will discuss again in December . In December Veronica will do a Lib Guides training workshop- September 21 is the Cool Tools Workshop
 - b. Teen Services – Met to discuss future author program (Paul Volponi appearance had attendance of 25 people) – considering teen band night countywide – opportunities for teen community service projects
 - c. Youth Services – The Division met to review summer activities/NYS e- registration. They will meet every other month on Fridays and have created a Wiki for internal communication and committee work. The Division will again do GIVE A KID A BOOK and in April will work with Pace on presenting the author Vera Williams. A Committee is working on ideas for “Hello Library” nontraditional ways to provide outreach. Fall Into Books is coming up.
 - d. Customer Service Division – Melinda would like to revive this Division and welcomes suggestions for a Chair. Melinda asked Veronica to contact Rutgers about a possible book repair workshop and Maria will contact Kapco. Melinda will contact Chuck McMorrnan about a workshop on front line staff customer service.
 - e. Joanne will call Jerry Nichols for topics for a Library Trustee workshop.
5. COUNTYWIDE PROJECTS
 - a. Hopper House Anniversary – See above.
 - b. Hudson Valley Heritage – Christy Blanchette’s report was attached to the agenda.
 - c. Joanne will contact Toya Dubin about revising proposal for filming of ROCKLAND COUNTY TIMES

- d. ROCKLAND MESSENGER - request from Sally Pelligrini for LARC financial support for microfilm project. Sally will be asked to attend the next LARC Exec. Board meeting to provide more information.
6. OLD BUSINESS
- a. I & R – Ruth had spoken to Lauren Moore about revising the Information Directory while Lauren was on maternity leave. Ruth will contact Lauren about any progress.
 - b. Anthony asked LARC to sponsor the reproduction of Science Screen Reports DVDs. LARC will be listed as the sponsor at a cost of \$1200 for 4 copies. Motion to approve expense by J. Sininsky, second by V. Reynolds and approved.
7. NEW BUSINESS
- a. Job Readiness workshops – LARC not participating under RCLS grant
 - b. MOTION – To send \$2000 grants (from RC funds) to 17 public libraries. Motion by S. Nugent, seconded by M. Gagliardi. Approved.
 - c. PR Consultant – Melinda asked Divisions to submit program activities throughout the year so that we have an idea of amount of PR needed. Melinda will contact consultant.
 - d. Bus Flyers – Rockland Buses will display “One Card” flyers and schedules of library hours throughout the month of October.
 - e. LARC Website – needs an editor to revive the site for currency. Melinda will ask Amelia Kalin to take on that project
 - f. LARC Conference will be held in Spring 2011.
 - g. All libraries should send their schedules of holiday closings to Erica Grodin at Finkelstein. She will prepare holiday closing announcement press releases.

Next meeting October 14, 2010.