

Library Association of Rockland County  
Minutes  
Executive Board Meeting  
May 17, 2012

Present: Anthony Hosmer, Jack Brand, Veronica Reynolds, Maria Gagliardi, Lauren Banks, Christina Ryan-Linder, Jessica Bowen, Sara Nugent, Amelia Kalin

CALL TO ORDER - 10:05 M. Gagliardi called the meeting to order.

1. MINUTES of March 8, 2012. Motion to approve as corrected A. Kalin, second by V. Reynolds. Approved.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT – Treasurer's Report was distributed. Motion to approve L. Banks, second by V. Reynolds. Approved.

3. DIVISION REPORTS

a. Adult Services – V. Reynolds reported on discussion with Diane Firestone of Tomorrow's Workplace "One Stop". Program is in need of space and promotion from public libraries. Board discussion of project needs especially when grant expires. Waiting on a response from directors.

Mixed reactions to the customer service program. Requests for more programs on working with special needs patrons. There were about 60 people at the empathic listener program. Difficult to find programs where presenter gives concrete examples rather than role play or feel good ideas.

Adult services may hold a program in summer, possibly a "genre" advisory.

b. Teen Services – C. Ryan-Lindner reported on the traveling author program. It needs to be revamped and get better school connection, perhaps partnering with the school district that corresponds to the library. C. Ryan-Lindner will attend a school library system liaison meeting in September.

c. Youth Services – L. Banks reported that youth services will meet tomorrow.

d. Advocates – C. Ryan-Linder reported that Rebecca Smith Aldrich will offer a program for the advocates division on October 25<sup>th</sup> at the Pearl River Public Library. C. Ryan-Lindner will verify costs.

e. Customer Service Division – C. Ryan-Lindner reported on the empathic listener program. The need and response to the program was obvious as 60 people attended. The preference from the attendees is for programs that are geared to librarians. Too many customer service programs are geared to a business model and librarians must make the connection,

4. COUNTYWIDE PROJECTS

a. Hudson River Valley Heritage – No reports.

b. Rockland County Times – No reports.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. LARC Archive Cleanup – M.Gagliardi reported that she and R. Bolin met with certified archivist, M. Gordon. M. Gordon was invited to review the archives and make a suggestion of needs. Board discussed the proposed contract. Suggestion made to cap the funds for the project. S. Nugent made a motion to hire archivist M. Gordon and spend up to \$1,000.00 for the project to organize the LARC archive, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A. Kalin. Approved.

b. Geek the Library – Now listed on RCLS homepage. J. Bowen has prepared a press release. Boulder Bird will attend story hours at the libraries. Discussion of efforts to market game.

c. LARC website - V. Reynolds reported that she cannot begin work on webpage until a pay pal account is established so that Word Press can be accessed. A. Kalin made a motion to set up a pay pal institutional account so that V. Reynolds and J. Brand can proceed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Nugent. Approved.

d. Annual Meeting – Will take place on June 19, 2012, 6:30 PM, at Valley Cottage PL. Flyer is complete but has not been sent.

e. Scholarships – A. Hosmer reported on the two applications received and previous awards. Sheri Levasseur has already received one award. This would be her second. Richard Morbeth has been the recipient of the LARC scholarship twice and is no longer eligible. L. Banks made a motion to award S. Levasseur \$1,000.00 as a 2<sup>nd</sup> time recipient. R. Morbeth will be referred to Nyack as a potential recipient for the Trudell award. If he is not selected, his name will be referred to Nanuet as a potential recipient for the Brunsmann award. Second by V. Reynolds. Approved.

f. Nominating Committee – A. Kalin reported on unsuccessful effort to get director to join the board. Therefore, A. Kalin agreed to remain on the board for another term. Her name will be added to the scheduled vote at the annual meeting. Discussion of importance of directors on board. One opening remains. Directors will be solicited again.

g. LARC mission statement – C. Ryan-Lindner reported on the mission statement committee meeting and proposed revision. The revised mission statement reads, “To support, to promote, and to advocate for public libraries, public library development and public library services in Rockland County, NY among its members, the general public and legislators.” The board discussed the impact of the change to the mission statement. C. Ryan-Lindner made a motion to accept the revised mission statement, second by V. Reynolds. Approved. The revised mission statement now goes to the general membership for approval

h. Barnes and Noble Gift Cards – Each library will receive a \$1,000.00 Barnes and Noble gift card in lieu of a grant. Libraries may purchase the material or e-content that meets their individual needs. Cards will be hand delivered. A. Kalin made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Nugent . Approved.

July meeting, Thursday, July 19, 2012 , location to be determined

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

Anthony Hosmer,  
Secretary