



Library Association of Rockland County - Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Valley Cottage Library
Thursday, May 16, 2013

Present: Jessica Bowen, Angela Krajcar, Maria Gagliardi, Laura Grunweg, Janet Lucas, Jack Brand, Amelia Kalin, Veronica Reynolds, Sara Nugent,

Guests: Tracey Allen, Carol Connell Cannon, Christy Blanchette

J. Bowen called meeting to order at 10am.

MINUTES of March Meeting

M. Gagliardi made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted, A. Krajcar 2nd, 10 in favor, 1 abstention, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

J. Brand reported 2013 cost for Conference was \$12,000. Discussion of costs and possible future funding sources discussed. No other financial matters reported.

V. Reynolds made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as distributed, A. Krajcar 2nd, all in favor.

DIVISION REPORTS

Adult Services – V. Reynolds discussed a possible joint contest for Children, Teens and Adults in Rockland. Contest would consist of designing a bookmark that will be produced and distributed to Rockland libraries as a public give-away. As details develop, more information will be presented. At this time the judging panel will consist of V. Reynolds (Adult), C. Linder (Teen) and A. Krajcar (Children's) and winners will represent each of the divisions. A. Krajcar circulated template for contest.

Teen Services – C. Linder was absent, J. Bowen read email report.

Request to have 2 staff from each building reimbursed for attendance to Fall Into Books. No motion needed, funds already allocated in 2013 budget. As clarification, LARC will only reimburse early bird registration fees, maximum of 2 staff from any interested Rockland library.

Author event had a total of 20 participants, only 6 were teens, the rest were library staff.

Youth Services – A. Krajcar reported the date for the next YS meeting has been changed due to a conflict.

Advocates – C. Linder will attend RCLS's 20/20 program and see what kind of follow up program would be appropriate for Rockland Advocates & Trustees.

Customer Service –J. Bowen will investigate customer service programs like the Darien library program hosted at Haverstraw a few weeks ago.

COUNTYWIDE PROJECTS

Hudson River Valley Heritage – The new LARC laptop was purchased and had been loaded with the required software. Christy Blanchette explained the new fee structure SENYLRC will implement beginning July of 2013. Based on the number of images we currently have on the HRVH site (less than 10K) our annual fee will be \$957. This number represents \$607 for a membership fee and \$350 for a service fee. The service fee allows LARC to continue to edit and add images to the site.

M. Gagliardi made a motion to pay \$957 for membership, hosting and service fees to SENYLRC from the 2013 Rockland County Times budget line, J. Brand 2nd, all in favor.

Rockland County Times – M. Gagliardi spoke with Brian Jennings regarding microfilm reels of RCT already available in the County. She will follow up to make sure NYACK has full run of paper available. M. Gagliardi and B. Jennings will work on developing a plan for digitizing local newspapers and present to the LARC board by August. By September 2013 a firm decision on to whether continue with the RCT digitizing project must be made.

OLD BUSINESS

Annual Meeting update – J. Bowen reported we are confirmed for June 13th at 6pm at Valley Cottage. To date 25 RSVPs, Books and Greetings, Northvale, NJ will sell the books at the event.

Conference report –V. Reynolds distributed a conference wrap-up report. All favorable comments regarding programs and venue.

Scholarships – A. Kalin reported the Scholarship Committee recommendations \$1000 LARC scholarships be awarded to:

Alexander Carver, Greenwood Lake NY: Attends Syracuse University - Currently works at STP, TUX and BLV libraries

Shana Loven, Greenwood Lake NY: Attends Clarion University of Pennsylvania (online) Currently works at PAL and Environmental Medicine Library of NYU in Tuxedo

Jessica Gordon, West Nyack NY: Attends LIU Currently works at FML

BRUSNMAN SCHOLARSHIP

Kayla Whidbee, Nanuet NY: Attends Queens College -Currently works as a student office worker at FML, volunteers at VCL

TRUDELL SCHOLARSHIP

Moddie Breland Jr., Nanuet NY: Attends Clarion University of PA (online) -Currently works at CUNY Queens College Benjamin Rosenthal Library

A. Kalin made a motion to accept the Committee's recommendation (as listed above) to award a \$1000 scholarship from LARC, J. Brand 2nd, all in favor.

Executive Board Member Vacancies (Directors Seats):

Carol Connell Cannon, Suffern Library and Tracy Allen, Finkelstein Memorial Library will replace Janet Lucas, Tomkins Cove Library and Sara Nugent, Tappan Free Library. The will be voted onto the Board during the Annual Meeting in June.

NEW BUSINESS

J. Lucas recommended Jim Farrell as an alternative to Jerry Nichols for advocate/trustee programs.

J. Lucas made a motion to adjourn the meeting, M. Gagliardi 2nd, all in favor.

Next meeting: Annual Meeting, June 13 at 6:30pm - VCL
July, 18th, time and location TBD