

Library Association of Rockland County  
Minutes  
Executive Board Meeting  
January 15, 2015

Present: Anthony Hosmer, Christina Ryan-Linder, Brian Jennings, Laura Grunweg, Jennifer Daddio, Angela Krajcar, Maria Gagliardi, Tracy Allen

Absent: Jack Brank, Jessica Bowen, Eugenia Schatoff, Carol Connell Cannon

CALL TO ORDER – 9:55. Meeting called to order by T. Allen.

1. MINUTES of November 20, 2014. Motion to approve M. Gagliardi. Second J. Daddio. Passed.

2. TREASURER’S REPORT – None this month.

3. DIVISION REPORTS

a. Adult Services – B. Jennings reported that all paperwork for the conference has been submitted. Conference programs include maker spaces and “The Cube” including oral history. The oral history project will continue with funding from an Outreach grant from RCLS in the amount of \$1,000.00. This is planned for the Fall 2015. In the Spring 2015, follow up programs to the LARC grant will take place. The overall theme will be “Growing Up in Rockland”. Eight people, each conducting 3 or 4 interviews, will be trained to conduct oral history interviews. Possible threads of this theme include, “The Hudson River”, “Rural Life” and “How “free” it was to grow up In Rockland”. There was a discussion of expanding this project to other libraries. B. Jennings reported the purchase of a reel of microfilm of the North River Times from the State Library. This was a North Rockland newspaper and the film covers the period of 1834-1836. He suggested this might be a worthwhile digitization project for LARC. He was asked to prepare a cost proposal for the next executive board meeting.

b. Teen Services – It was reported that 24 people have registered for the New Leaf/Little Brown event next month. There will be no author event in March due to the proximity of the LARC conference in April.

c. Youth Services – A. Krajcar reported on a story walk program and the possibility of replicating it at another site, perhaps the Palisades Mall. A. Krajcar and L. Banks will get particulars on using Mall space. Question was raised of LARC paying for materials. It was decided that first step would be for A. Krajcar to find out if books could be enlarged for display purposes. A. Krajcar reported that the “Better Baby” care packages have been completed. Star Press charged \$480. to print brochures for the packages.

d. Advocates – C. Linder reported that Amanda Scavulli, Outreach Librarian at the Finger Lakes Library System and Clare Moore are both confirmed presenters for the LARC Conference. The Finger Lakes Library System has offered to pay all expenses for Amanda and in return would like her honorarium (\$300) paid directly to the system. The board did not anticipate a problem with this arrangement. Due to the LARC Conference in April, it was decided to re-schedule the Brian Kenney program on library advocacy in the Fall.

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. LARC Funding – C. Ryan-Linder attended the legislative budget meeting and reported that LARC funding was restored. LARC funding was hotly debated. Supporting LARC funding were Jay Hood and Ian Schoenberger. It was suggested that thank you notes to these two legislators might be in order.

b. Civil Service Letter – A letter was sent to the Civil Service Commission regarding civil service librarians. Librarian I has been changed to open & competitive. Changes to Librarian II and Library Director are forthcoming. New job descriptions have been approved.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Next Printing of the County-wide Schedule of Hours – L. Grunweg shared a draft, revised schedule of hours for libraries in Rockland County. There was a discussion of the content and layout. L. Grunweg will incorporate suggestions into a draft schedule to review with the Rockland County library directors.

b. Funding for Library Advocacy Day – Discussion of bus schedule and subsidizing funding for Rockland participants. Due to the closeness of the event for 2015, the board will re-visit this item in September with the possibility of providing a bus for Rockland participants that would leave the County later than the RCLS bus. It was suggested that directors discuss the number of potential attendees so that costs for bus transportation could be investigated.

Motion to adjourn M. Gagliardi. Second C. Ryan-Linder. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:30.

**Next meeting Thursday, February 19, 2015 at Blauvelt Free Library.**

Anthony Hosmer,  
Secretary