

RASD Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 30, 2013
SCLS

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 am.

Members present: Megan Sala-James, Sara Bedell, Karen Cognato, Rose Marut, Rona Dressler, Elma Lugo, Cindy Miller, Mike Buono, Joan Cook, Jo-Ann Carhart, and Grace O'Connor.

Minutes from the 10/30/13 meeting at SCLS were approved with corrections on a motion by Rona Dressler and seconded by Elma Lugo.

President's Report: Since Cathi Nashak was not able to attend the meeting; Sara Bedell stepped in and ran the meeting on her behalf. Sara stated that Cathi wanted to thank Brian Adams for his hard work on making the annual dinner successful. She also wanted to thank Rona Dressler for putting together this morning's workshop on Traumatic Brain Injury. She also stated that voting for the SCLA Board will be open until November 10th. You can go to the www.nyla.org and login. From there go to voting polls and election to cast your vote. The SCLA dinner will take place on November 14th at Villa Lombardi's in Holbrook.

Treasurer's Report: Megan Sala-James stated that she received the September statement from NYLA and the total cash on hand is \$1,474.36. She stated that the money from the RASD dinner has not been posted to our account. She also stated that \$200 was paid to a dance group for the MOSAIC Festival, \$320 was paid for today's Health Concerns Breakfast, and \$14.99 was paid to Steven Spataro for refreshments from a past meeting. Megan does not think our statement is correct and she will be working with NYLA to correct it. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Cindy Miller and seconded by Rona Dressler.

Committee Reports

C.A.R.E: No report.

Electronic Resources: No report.

Health Concerns: Rona Dressler stated that today is the Health Concerns meeting and the Annual RASD Breakfast. The topic is Traumatic Brain Injury.

Historian: Robert Cognato stated that everything is filed and up to date.

LI History: Inez Foster reported that the next meeting is scheduled for November 21, at 10:00am at SCLS. She stated that they are planning on having the showcase on the third Thursday in April of 2014 and are planning a trip in June of 2014.

Long Island Reads: Deborah Cunningham could not attend but sent a report that the committee met on September 12th at the Port Washington Library. The LI Reads book title was selected and it will be *The Manor: Three Centuries of a Slave Plantation on Long Island* by Mac K. Griswold. The book is currently available in hardcover and eBook. The publisher is pushing up the paperback issue

date in time for the March, April reading schedule. Discussions are going on regarding an audiobook, large print and or talking books edition. She stated that several committee members have been to the Sylvester Manor and have heard the author speak and feel there are plenty of programming opportunities. The next meeting will take place on November 12th at the West Islip Public Library.

MOSAIC: Lissetty Thomas reported that on October 22nd the group met with Fred Gitner, Assistant Director for New Americans Program & International Relations at the Queens Public Library. Elma Lugo reported that the group was given a tour of the Adult Learner Center and that she will be implementing some of their practices at the Longwood Public Library. She also reported that on October 18th the first Information Fair was held at Middle Country Library. 26 organizations were present and about 100 patrons attended. The next Information Fair will take place in the spring. The next meeting will take place on November 12, 10 am (9:30 am coffee) at SCLS. Martha Maffei, Executive Director of SEPA Mujer will be a guest speaker joined by Jackeline Saavedra, Legal Fellow at SEPA Mujer.

Media: Steve Spataro could not attend but he sent a report. He stated that the committee met on October 1st. 18 people attended and the discussion went well. The next meeting will take place in late December. The date will be announced.

Member-At-Large: No report. Brian Adams thanked everyone for coming to the breakfast.

Membership:No Report.

New Adults: Michael Buono could not attend but sent a report. He stated the New Adult committee has met twice since the last RASD meeting in September. Both meetings were well attended and focused on programming. The next meeting is scheduled on November 19, at 9:30am at the Sayville Public Library and it will focus on materials and a speaker from Youthbuild will attend.

OARS:Cindy Miller reported that there was a speaker at their last meeting that took place at the Harborfields Library. The speaker was Bill Baker from Senior Net and he spoke about low cost computer classes available for seniors. These classes take place at many of the libraries in Suffolk County.

PR/Marketing: Jo-Ann Carhart stated that the September 18th joint meeting with the Electronic Resources committee was successful. She also stated on October 24th a sub committee met to discuss planning the PR Award. A draft of the application was created as well as a time line. Jo-Ann would like a spot on the RASD website for the award application and information. The time period for the first award would cover campaigns that ran between 1/1/2014 through 9/15/14. After that it would be annual. She stated that the award would be given out at the annual SCLA dinner. She reported that Ellen Druda will be responsible for getting the judges. Jo-Ann will contact SCLA so she can announce the contest at this year's dinner. Jo-Ann also stated that she spoke with David Vinjamuri, author of *Accidental Branding* and he has agreed to be a speaker at either the LILC or at a PR/Marketing meeting. If he does speak at the conference Jo-Ann will ask the conference committee not to schedule him the same time as the RASD speaker.

Programs: Rose Marut stated that she would discuss programming more at the next RASD meeting.

Ramblings:Rona Dressler stated that everyone should have received the fall edition on Ramblings. She apologized for the delay, as there were issues with NYLA.

Readers Advisory: Grace O'Connor reported that the last meeting took place on September 24th at the Commack Public Library and debut novels were discussed. She also stated that book titles from 2003/2004 will be removed from the blog. The blog has had 7,000 hits since it was created 3 years ago. The next meeting will take place on January 16th.

Web Page:No report.

New Business: Megan Sala-James stated that RASD will have a Habitat for Humanities Basket. The theme is Kitchen. She is asking for donations before she goes and purchases items for the basket using money collected from the 50/50 raffle that took place at the RASD dinner.

Old Business: The next meeting will take place on November 5th at SCLS, and the last meeting of the year will take place on December 3rd at the Deer Park Public Library. Both meetings start at 10:00 am (9:30 am coffee) – 12pm.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:43am by Grace O'Connor and seconded by Brian Adams.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Cognato