

# RASD

## Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 4, 2014

Deer Park Public Library, Deer Park, NY

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 am.

**Members Present:** Nicole Berroyer, Jo-Ann Carhart, Robert Cognato, Joan Cook, Inez Foster, Elma Lugo, Cindy Miller, Rose Marut, Cindy Miller, Cathi Nashak, Grace O'Connor, Megan Sala James, Sara Spataro and Amber Sroka.

**President's Report:** Sara thanked the members for attending this meeting and called it to order. There were corrections to the October 29 minutes. Elma Lugo made a motion to approve the minutes with the changes. Cathi Nashak seconded it.

The October Health Concerns meeting went well. The speakers were very informative. One Board member shared that the speakers spoke for too long. Marketing the event was difficult due to low membership and listserv confusion. It was suggested that paper flyers may be the best way to market events. These flyers could be brought to various functions and distributed at the Head Reference Librarians' quarterly meeting.

The theme for the SCLA Annual Dinner Habitat for Humanity basket is laundry. Please bring any items, including media items relating to laundry to Sara before September 17.

**Treasurer's Report:** Megan reported that she received the August and September financial statements from NYLA. For August, there was a deposit of \$11 for dues, and a check for \$13.83 was written for hospitality for a RASD board meeting. The closing balance for August was \$2138.05.

For September, there was a deposit of \$5 for dues, and checks written were for \$1298 (for the SCLA Annual dinner) and \$13.06 for hospitality for the M.O.S.A.I.C. meeting. The closing balance for September was \$1489.54.

Currently, there are outstanding requests for \$11.99 to Sara Bedell-Spataro for hospitality, \$30 to Grace O'Connor for hospitality, and \$279.69 to the Village Bistro for the annual breakfast. In addition, funds were approved at a previous meeting for \$180.80 for a trophy and ribbon for the Suffolk County Library Marketing Award. This leaves the actual balance (barring any dues deposits) of \$987.06.

The balance of the account is critically low. Funds (\$300 for the August dinner speaker) are expected. A discussion ensued. Megan made a motion to temporarily (until at least April) suspend all funds for board meeting hospitality until further notice. Inez seconded it. All were in favor. Megan reminded all that NYLA's fiscal year is from July until June.

To increase funds Robert suggested that we might want to charge a small amount for a raffle ticket at the LI Library Conference. Rona suggested that the membership of the various divisions of the SCLA be reviewed to see who belongs to which division, and to encourage members to join SCLA.

Brian spent more than the allotted \$300 for the Health Concerns breakfast. Robert made a motion to approve the receipt. Grace seconded it.

**C.A.R.E.:** Nicole Berroyer is the new Co-chairperson of this committee. The next meeting is scheduled for November 13 at the Middle Country Library in Centereach. The discussion at the September 18 meeting was about membership. If you have anything that you would like to post on their blog, please send it to Nicole. This committee meets every other month.

**Electronic Resources:** This committee is planning to sponsor Etta Verma from Library Journal, as a speaker for the Long Island Library Conference. Ms. Verma will speak about Self-e, Library Journal's new service for discovering local self-publishing authors.

**Health Concerns:** The Health Concerns Breakfast went well. Thank you notes were sent out to the speakers. Mr. Boden is available to speak about Health Disease Management at local libraries – if you are interested, please contact Rona. A bibliography was sent to the SCLA for the archives. Next year's Health Concerns Breakfast is scheduled for October 28, 2015. It was suggested that next year a continental or potluck type of breakfast might be a better choice.

**Historian:** Robert reported that he added the past RASD dinner flyers to the archive collection. He indicated that guest speakers at the dinner started around 10 – 15 years ago.

**LI History:** The November meeting of the Long Island History Committee will be held in the Blue Room at SCLS on Thursday, November 13. Refreshments will be served at 9:30, and the meeting will open at 10:00 with speakers who will showcase their traveling exhibits. After the speakers, there will be a general meeting, during which the April Showcase and plans for a June trip will be discussed.

**Long Island Reads:** Therese Nielsen is the new Long Island Reads chairperson. A new program guide has been sent out. The next meeting is on January 15 at the Huntington Public Library.

**M.O.S.A.I.C.:** Elma reported that the next meeting is scheduled for November 25. Amber Sroker is the new Co-chairperson for M.O.S.A.I.C. Elma contacted local libraries to inform them that she has an English as a second language class. There seems to be a disconnect with the SCLS and committee groups, as there is a duplication of services – programs should be done in cooperation with each other. The M.O.S.A.I.C. blog was updated.

**Media:** Sara reported that she will be representing the committee and touching on how media affects New Adults, at Riverhead Free Library on Monday, November 17, 2014. The next meeting will take place in the month of December, date to be determined.

**Member-at-Large:** Tabitha Johnson will be a new Member-at-Large. Robert will contact her. Rona made a motion to approve Ms. Johnson as the new Member-at-Large. Elma seconded it.

**Membership:** There are currently 196 members.

**New Adult Committee:** No report.

**O.A.R.S:** Cindy Miller reported that the next meeting will take place on November 12 at Central Islip Public Library. Dr. Ramos of DDI will speak about autistic adults in the library.

**PR and Marketing:** Jo-Ann reported that six libraries applied for the Suffolk County Library Marketing Award (SLMA). The judges are Jacki Clement, Zoey Topper and Donna Rivera. Two of the

judges are able to attend the SCLA dinner. Megan will contact Laura Panter to register the judges for the dinner. At a previous meeting, \$189 was approved to cover the cost of the plaque, which will travel from library to library, and a trophy for the winner to keep. Jo-Ann will announce the winners at the SCLA Annual Dinner. In January, this committee will meet to review the PR campaign.

**Programs:** Rose contacted Susan Santa of the Nassau RASD about co-sponsoring a program at the LILC on May 7, 2015 at the Melville Marriot. Ms. Santa already submitted the sponsor form for a "Jobs Resource" program (she has a speaker). Rose asked for suggestions for a back-up plan. Elma suggested the Jailhouse Librarian, Inez suggested a Native American, and Joan suggested someone from the Center on the Holocaust, Diversity and Human Understanding. The deadline to submit ideas is November 24. Rose will report on the response that she receives from Ms. Santa.

**Ramblings:** No report.

**Reader's Advisory:** Grace reported that there is nothing new to report since the October meeting. The genre for discussion is Sports Fiction.

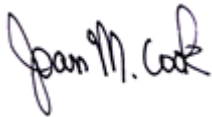
**Webpage:** Jason is handing over the website responsibilities to Cathi Nashak and Steve Ingram. Sara will email Steve to get the logo for Cathi.

**New Business:** There is no new business.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 2, 2014, coffee at 9:30 am, with the meeting to start at 10:00 am. This meeting will be at the Suffolk County Library System in Bellport.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joan M. Cook". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "C".

Joan Cook