

RASD

**Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 2, 2014
Suffolk County Library System, Bellport, NY**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.

Members Present: Nicole Berroyer, Michael Buono, Jo-Ann Carhart, Robert Cognato, Joan Cook, Rona Dressler, Ellen Druda, Inez Foster, Megan Sala James, Tabitha Johnson, Elma Lugo, Rose Marut, Cathi Nashak, Therese Purcell Nielsen, Grace O'Connor and Sara Spataro

President's Report: Sara reflected back on the productive year this Board participated in, and expressed how wonderful it was to work together. She thanked all for the Habitat for Humanity donations that were assembled for the SCLA dinner. Sara welcomed Tabitha Johnson who is considering the Board position of Member-at-Large.

There were corrections to the November 4, 2014 minutes. Grace O'Connor made a motion to approve the minutes with the changes. Rona Dressler seconded it.

Treasurer's Report: Megan reported that she received the October financial statement from NYLA. The beginning balance was \$1489.54. There was a request for \$30.00 for hospitality for Reader's Advisory and another for \$279.69 for the Health Concerns Breakfast, paid to the Village Bistro. There was a deposit of \$3.00 for dues. The ending balance for October was \$1182.85.

November payments requested were for \$180.80 to South Shore Outdoor for the Suffolk Library Marketing Award, and \$62.27 to reimburse Brian Adams for the Health Concerns Breakfast. In addition, the SCLA Treasurer requested that \$300.00 be transferred to our account to help fund the dinner speaker. The closing balance for November should be \$1239.78.

Megan is requesting \$100.00, that was previously approved, to repay herself for the registration costs for the two Suffolk Library Marketing Awards judges for the SCLA Annual dinner. The actual operating balance is \$1139.78.

C.A.R.E.: Nicole reported that the next meeting for this committee is on January 15, 2015 at Connetquot Public Library.

Electronic Resources: Ellen reported that the next meeting for this committee is scheduled for December 11, 2014 at the Emma S. Clark Memorial Library. Ellen submitted the paperwork for Henrietta Verma from Library Journal to speak about SELF-e. SELF-e is a platform that enables authors and libraries to work together to expose notable self-published ebooks. She is waiting for a response from the Long Island Library Conference committee.

Health Concerns: Rona reported that the Health Concerns Breakfast for next year is scheduled for October 28, 2015. She has been receiving responses from this year's past breakfast. The next meeting of this committee is scheduled for February.

Historian: Robert reported that he added past minutes to the archives.

LI History: Inez reported that the Traveling Exhibits showcase went well. There were two presenters. Inez is concerned that dwindling membership may have had affected attendance. Virginia sent out an announcement via the listserv, but only a few responses were received. The next showcase is scheduled for April 23, 2015 at the Babylon Public Library. The next meeting of this committee is scheduled for February 26 at the Suffolk Center on the Holocaust, Diversity and Human Understanding, which is located in the Suffolk County Community College Huntington Library on the Ammerman Campus in Selden.

Long Island Reads: Therese reported that the Reader's Guide for *The Museum of Extraordinary Things* by Alice Hoffman will be posted soon. Plans for the April 19 author event will continue despite the fact that Ms. Hoffman has cancelled all Spring 2015 engagements. A coordinated order for this book is being handled by the Nassau Committee. The next meeting of this committee is scheduled for January.

M.O.S.A.I.C.: Elma reported that this committee is considering Silvia Diaz as the speaker for the next M.O.S.A.I.C. breakfast meeting in May of 2015. Other plans include daytime workshops on how to start a business for bilingual speakers. M.O.S.A.I.C. is also considering a trip to Instituto Cervantes New York, and it was also discussed that perhaps there could be a way to sponsor a panel discussion for member librarians to learn "How to Run a M.O.S.A.I.C. Fair." The next "Navigating Your Community" M.O.S.A.I.C. fair is scheduled for May 16, 2015 at the Huntington Library. Other discussions included a partnership with ESOL teachers in local school districts, a link to a website regarding multicultural books, and a survey for Spanish speakers regarding Readers' Advisory which was provided by Samantha Alberts. Finally, the Women's Expo at the Middle Country Public Library was very successful, and Amber Sroka is putting together a shopping guide to share with M.O.S.A.I.C. members. The next meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2015 at the SCLS.

Media: Sara reported that the next meeting is scheduled for December 30. The topic will be how librarians can provide media services to their patrons.

Member-at-Large: Tabitha Johnson is looking forward to working with everyone in 2015.

Membership: There is no report on the number of current members. Sara reported that she received a membership list comparing previous year memberships. Within the next month, Steve will start a membership drive. It may be necessary to send out a mailing to previous members.

New Adult Committee: Mike reported that during the last meeting of this committee, the topic was about media habits from 1982 until 1999. This prompted a discussion about the challenges of serving the 15 to 20 year age group. It was revealed that the same social issues that were common in the past are still common today. In response to the challenges of serving youth in this age group, the documentary "Teenager" will be shown at the January 15, 2015 meeting at the Smithtown Public Library. This committee is not sponsoring a session at the 2015 Long Island Library Conference. The next meeting of this committee will be on December 15.

O.A.R.S: Cindy Miller reported that Dr. Ramos of DDI is available to speak about autistic adults at any public library. The next meeting for this committee will be on December 10 at the West Islip Public Library.

PR and Marketing: Jo-Ann reported that all went well with presenting the PR and Marketing awards at the SCLA meeting. At the next meeting of this committee on January 15, the campaigns of those who won the award will be reviewed. Unfortunately, the judges did not attend the SCLA dinner. It was decided that the judges will no longer be invited to the dinner. The winning library

was Amityville. Jo-Ann will try to publicize the event in Newsday. Next year's PR and Marketing award will cover the period from September 16, 2014 until September 17, 2015. The next meeting of this committee is on March 12, 2015 at East Islip Public Library.

Programs: Rose reported that the Nassau and Suffolk RASDs are co-sponsoring a program at the Long Island Library Conference on May 7, 2015. The speaker will be Andrea Snyder, an Outreach Services Specialist with the Nassau Library System. The topic will be "Assisting Job Seekers on the Frontline." Shared information will include how libraries can better serve the many people who are using the library to find and apply for jobs, and how job hunters can be made aware of the depth of resources available to them at a public library.

Ramblings: Rona thanked all who submitted an article for the next issue of Ramblings. She did not publish the issue and is still accepting submissions. Please send a paragraph of what you did, or what you are planning to do at your library as soon as possible so it may be included in the next issue of Ramblings

Reader's Advisory: Grace reported that the next meeting is scheduled for January. The topic for discussion is Sports Fiction.

Webpage: Steve and Cathi both have access to the webpage now. Updates are being made, and it is a work in progress.

Old Business: Diane Eidelman is retiring and shared that she believes that this Board worked well together, and wishes the Board the best of luck in the future. Grace O'Connor is also retiring, but plans to continue to serve on this Board through 2015.

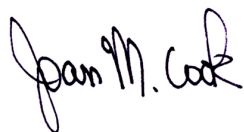
New Business: Scheduled meetings for 2015 are as follows:

Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at 2:00 pm*, at the Suffolk County Library System in Bellport
Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at 9:30 am, at the Suffolk County Library System in Bellport
Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 9:30 am, at the Suffolk County Library System in Bellport
Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at 9:30 am, at the Suffolk County Library System in Bellport
Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at 9:30 am at the Suffolk Center on the Holocaust, Diversity and Human Understanding, which is located in the Huntington Library on the Ammerman Campus of Suffolk County Community College in Selden.
Tuesday, August 4, 2015 at 9:30 am, at the Suffolk County Library System in Bellport
September, RASD Annual Dinner – To be determined
Wednesday, October 28, 2015 (Health Concerns Breakfast) at 9:30 am at the SCLS in Bellport
Tuesday, November 3 at 9:30 am, at Longwood Public Library in Middle Island
Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at 9:30 am, at the Suffolk County Library System in Bellport

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at 2:00 pm* (*please note the different time*). This meeting will be at the Suffolk County Library System in Bellport.

Rona made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:08 am. Mike seconded it.

Respectfully Submitted,



Joan Cook