

**RASD Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 3, 2013
Deer Park Public Library**

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 am.

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

Minutes from the 11/5/13 meeting at SCLS were approved with corrections on a motion by Grace O'Connor and seconded by Rona Dressler.

President's Report: Cathi Nashak thanked everyone for their support and hard work throughout the year. She said that being the RASD President was a great experience. She congratulated Sara Bedell as the new President, Eileen DeSimone as the new Vice President, Joan Cook as Secretary and Megan Sala-James as Treasurer. Cathi stated the SCLA dinner was very nice but that the music was too loud. She stated that attendance was low, only half the amount of members attended compared to last year. Megan thought the reason for the low attendance was that it was on a Thursday night and most libraries are open until 9 pm. She said the food was excellent but most people left after the raffle winners were announced. Cathi encouraged everyone to create a blog and link it to the RASD website. Some of the committees are already doing this. Cathi believe that the RASD website will eventually be rolled into the NYLA website.

Treasurer's Report: Megan Sala-James stated that she is waiting for the November report. The cash on hand from the last meeting was \$1,836.12, which included \$8.00 for membership dues. Megan requested payment of \$13.56 to Cathi Nashak for board meeting refreshments and \$13.84 to Elma Lugo for MOSAIC meeting refreshments leaving cash on hand total of \$1,816.72. Megan stated that the cost of refreshments can go up to \$20.00. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Cindy Miller and seconded by Elma Lugo.

Committee Reports

C.A.R.E: No report.

Electronic Resources: Ellen Druda stated that the joint presentations with the PR/Marketing scheduled for December 18th and January 9th will both take place at East Islip Public Library. The next Electronic Resources meeting will be in March, the date will be announced. Megan will make the request to NYLA for the speaker's fee of \$250. Cathi stated if attendance is going to be taken at these presentations to submit them to Terri Hatred for CEU credits. Jo-Ann Carhart stated that she will be responsible for getting the refreshments for the presentations.

Health Concerns: Rona Dressler stated that the next Annual Health Concerns/Breakfast meeting is scheduled for October 29, 2014. She will schedule the next committee meeting in the second half of February. Everyone mentioned that they thought the TBI speakers were wonderful and that topic was timely.

Historian: Robert Cognato reported that the latest edition of Rambling has been archived.

LI History: Inez Foster could not attend the meeting but sent a report. She stated that a meeting was held at SCLS on November 21st. Natalie Naylor gave an interesting lecture on her book, "Women in Long Island's Past". The Program Showcase will be held on Thursday, April 17th and the annual trip will take place on June 12th. The location of the trip is tentatively scheduled for Idle Hour in Oakdale and the Scully Estate. The group discussed future meeting dates, which included meeting dates for September 18th and November 20th of 2014.

Long Island Reads: Grace O'Connor stated that the Reading Guide went out yesterday, December 2nd.

MOSAIC: Elma Lugo stated that the last meeting took place on November 12, at SCLS. Martha Maffei, Executive Director of SEPA Mujer was the speaker. Elma suggested that everyone go to the organization's website as they have excellent resources and programs. The website is sepamujer.org. The next meeting is scheduled for January 7th at SCLS, 10 am (9:30 am coffee). Kelly Ann Murray from the Health & Welfare Council of Long Island will present.

Media: No report.

Member-At-Large: No report.

Membership: Joan Cook did not know who to go to for membership lists now that Regina McEaney is retiring. Cathi Nashak suggested Lois Powell at NYLA. Robert Cognato stated that there used to be 400 or more RASD members. Cathi mentioned that there are plans for a new membership push. Rona Dressler asked for a copy of the list so she can update constant contact. Cathi asked if anyone knew of someone who might be interested in becoming the Membership Chair and to let Sara Bedell know. Sara stated that she will send out an email to the RASD and SCLS listservs.

New Adults: Michael Buono reported that at the last meeting on November 19th, the group discussed DVDs, games and other materials for New Adults. Elizabeth Morgan from Youth build presented. This organization works with new adults ranging from 18- 24 years old who may or may not have a GED or HS diploma as well as those who may have a criminal record. The organization is very interested in working with libraries. He stated that the students come from all over Long Island and there is a big center right in Deer Park. Mike mentioned that Elizabeth Morgan will also speak at the Long Island Library Conference next year.

OARS: Cindy Miller reported that the next meeting will take place on December 4th at West Islip Public Library. Cindy said she did not attend the last meeting. Rose Marut attended the meeting and said that the discussion revolved around the need for Adult Day Care on Long Island. Rose stated that funding for these programs are always an issue.

PR/Marketing: Jo-Ann Carhart thanked Ellen Druda for helping her create a PR/Marketing Committee blog. She stated that the application for the PR award is complete and that she is going to send a link to Jason to post on the RASD website. She also reported that there will be a shared

program with the Electronic Resource committee called Analyze This: Facebook Insights on December 18th and Google Analytics on January 16th. Both programs will take place at East Islip Public Library.

Programs: Rose Marut reported that she has been in contact with the Nassau County RASD. The group is happy to co-sponsor a program at the Long Island Library Conference on May 1st. The application has been sent and received. Rose thanked Mike Buono for setting up the contacts for the panel. The program title is “Finding the “New” Lost Generation.” It will consist of 3 panelist; Kerri Lynn Hurley, Librarian from Mastic Moriches Shirley Library; Richard Murdocco, Digital Analyst, Teachers Federal Credit Union and contributor to Youth Island; Elizabeth Morgan, Director, YouthBuild Long Island. The panel will discuss the challenges that face young people today and how libraries can serve them.

Ramblings: Rona Dressler reported that the latest edition of Ramblings was sent on December 2nd. She apologizes if anyone’s submission did not get posted due to email problems. She would like to send another edition of Ramblings in mid-February. Please send news, events, etc. by the end of January.

Readers Advisory: Grace O’Connor stated that the blog has been updated, 4 bibliographies have been removed to make room for new ones. The next meeting will take place on January 26th. Two genres will be discussed to speed up the process. The genres are mainstream fiction and cozy mysteries.

Web Page: Cathi Nashak reported that the new Membership heading now appears on the RASD website. Cathi stated the webpage’s front page will consist of postings and not a static picture. She stated that Jason is holding off on any changes to the webpage until after the NYLA integration. If you have anything new to post, please send to Jason to post.

New Business: Cathi Nashak stated she has set up future board meetings at SCLS. They are January 7th, (SCLS) February 4th, (SCLS/Blue Room) March 4th, and April 1st (SCLS/Blue Room). The contact person for changes and future meeting at SCLS is Rhonda Carroll. Elma Lugo stated that Lissetty Thomas’s mother passed away and she is stepping down from the MOSAIC committee. If anyone would like to express condolences, Lissetty’s address is 1811 Spruce Dr. Holbrook, NY 11741.

Jo-Ann Carhart stated that it was brought to her attention that SCLS is conducting a survey to find out what kinds of programs, and resources libraries are offering regarding ESL. Jo-Ann was concerned that they may not know about the MOSAIC committee. Cathi Nashak stated that she made them aware of what MOSAIC does. Robert Cognato mentioned that he learned from the Head of Adult Reference meeting that SCLS has an ESL directive for 2014 and that they want to support ESL as well as other languages programs and resources. Cathi Nashak welcomed Eileen DeSimone and asked everyone to introduce themselves. Then Eileen told the group about herself. She stated that she was the Treasurer for CATS, so she knows what Megan is going through. Currently, she is a part-time reference librarian at Hampton Bays. Previously she was a reference librarian at Long Island University in Brentwood but was let go after it closed. She also was a solo librarian at Tour for 4 years and taught Literacy at Dowling College. She did not plan on becoming an academic librarian but it seemed to be a good fit as she was a teacher for 10 years. She is married and has a daughter

who lives in North Carolina. Finally Eileen said that she is motivated with lots of energy and looks forward to sharing her ideas with the group.

Old Business: Cathi Nashak reminded everyone that the last day to submit a program for the Long Island Library Conference is December 6th. She also mentioned including a note requesting programs not be scheduled at the same time. Ellen Druda mentioned that there are a lot of rooms available and that December 6th is a soft deadline. She stated that if you are considering a program there may be some time. Cathi Nashak did not see a letter yet about having a RASD table. Rose Marut asked to have Joan Cook send an updated RASD email list. Finally a gift was presented to Cathi Nashak from the RASD Executive Board members.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:14am by Rona Dressler and seconded by Mike Buono.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Cognato