

RASD

Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 3, 2015

Suffolk County Library System, Bellport, NY

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

Members Present: Nicole Berroyer, Jo-Ann Carhart, Robert Cognato, Joan Cook, Eileen DeSimone, Rona Dressler, Stephen Ingram, Cathi Nashak, Tabitha Johnson, Elma Lugo, Rose Marut, Cindy Miller, Grace O'Connor, Wendy Polhemus-Annibell, and Amber Sroka

The only correction to the January 7, 2015 minutes needed was the spelling of Nick Tanzi's name. Grace O'Connor made a motion to approve the minutes with the changes. Rona Dressler seconded it.

RASD By Laws: An updated version of the RASD by-laws was presented to Board members for review prior to this meeting. Additional corrections needed include...

- Article IV – Officers, Section 5: The word “Association” should be changed to “Division”
- Article IV – Officers, Section 7: The word “each” should be removed from the last sentence.
- Article IV – Officers, Section 9: In the next to last sentence “Non-elective members” should be changed to “Non-elected members”
- Article VIII – Committees: “Older Adults Resources and Services” (OARS) should be changed to “Outreach Activities Resources and Services”

Cathi Nashak made a motion to approve the by-laws with the above-proposed changes. All were in favor, none were opposed. Joan will forward the changes to Megan so they can be submitted for posting on the SCLA website. NYLA will create a ballot and the SCLA Secretary will create and send out a postcard to members by March 16, indicating when and where to review the by-laws and cast a vote. Voting will be conducted between April 1 and April 15.

President's Report: Megan reported that NYLA has an account with Survey Monkey that can be used by SCLA. Please note that if you log on to NYLA to renew, you are only renewing with NYLA and not SCLA. Go to “Renew” before logging in to avoid this, or scroll down on the renewal page, and you can print out a form that can be returned via the US Postal service. A slate of 2015 officers is needed in March. Please contact Stephen or Megan if you are interested in running for VP/President Elect, Treasurer, or Secretary. Elections will be online through NYLA, but the officers will start on January 1, 2015. LILRC will be arranging for a bus for the NYLA Conference in Lake Placid. SCLA is sponsoring 3 programs: Mentoring/coaching new librarians, digital services and early literacy. They are also co-sponsoring pop culture, not just another concert and several more. Going forward, committees should not automatically count on SCLA to help out with programming costs. The request for \$200 for the Public Relations and Marketing committee March program was approved. It was suggested that non-SCLA members should be charged a fee for attending programs (not to help to defray costs – but to encourage membership). All LI Library Conference programs will be listed on the SCLA website in March. The LI Pop Con program at Dowling College is scheduled for April 16, 2015 from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. Early bird registration ends on March 13. A joint NCLA/SCLA bowling event is being planned for June. SCLA's share of the proceeds will go to the scholarship fund.

Treasurer's Report: Eileen reported that the opening balance for November 2014 was \$1241.78. During December there was a deposit of \$805.00 for membership dues, and a request from Megan Sala-James for \$100.00 for a ticket for the annual SCLA dinner. The closing balance for December 31, 2014 was \$1946.78. Total income for January 2015 was \$1 for membership dues. The closing balance for January 31, 2015 was 1947.78. *The expense report for the period of July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 is as follows...* Hospitality: \$46.89, Postage: \$0, Programs: \$280.00, Annual Meeting/Dinner: \$2380.41. Grace made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Rona seconded it. All were in favor.

C.A.R.E.: Nicole reported that the next meeting is scheduled for March 19 at the SCLS. She will be asking members to join SCLA. This committee is planning a joint program with the Electronic Resources committee entitled, "Help, I'm Not a Business Librarian." In May this committee will meet at the One-Stop Employment Center in Hauppauge.

Electronic Resources: The next meeting of this committee is scheduled for March 12 at the Islip Public Library. The meeting will focus on Facebook advertising and the various types of ad options that are available, the steps to create an effective ad, and how to interpret the results. The guest speaker will be Elizabeth Montoya, senior account executive at HJMT Advertising. Ellen is expecting a great turnout. She is also working on a joint presentation with Jo-Ann for June 11, 2015.

Health Concerns: Rona reported that she will schedule a meeting to discuss the Health Concern's topic for 2015.

Historian: Robert reported that all issues of Ramblings and other documents are up to date.

LI History: This committee held its February meeting at the Suffolk Center on the Holocaust, Diversity and Human Understanding on the Selden Campus of Suffolk County Community College. The meeting began with an interesting and educational tour of the museum, followed by a general meeting where members discussed the Long Island History and Genealogy Program Showcase, which is scheduled for April 23 at the Babylon Public Library.

Long Island Reads: This committee continues to prepare for the April 19 author event at the Plainview-Old Bethpage Library. Author Alice Hoffman will be the guest speaker.

M.O.S.A.I.C.: The next meeting is on March 10 at the SCLS. The guest speaker will be SCCC, ELS Professor Rich Lauria, who is looking to partner with Suffolk Libraries to place students into conversation classes. The "From America to Long Island: We Are All Immigrants" program has been selected for inclusion at the LI Library Conference (Beth Donovan has submitted the paperwork). Speakers for this event include, Sara Dunn from the Hagedorn Foundation, Beth Donovan and David Newman who are both 2014 Witness for Peace delegates, and rapper and poet Christopher "Chilo" Cajigas. Brochures and flyers are currently being developed. Elma will be requesting \$120 for registration fees for the LI Library Conference. The Navigating Your Community Fair is scheduled for Saturday, May 16, from 10:30 am to 4:30 pm at the Huntington Public Library. The M.O.S.A.I.C. Annual Breakfast is scheduled for May 19 in the Auditorium of the SCLS. The keynote speaker will be Silvana Diaz, publisher and owner for Noticia in Baldwin. Elma requested \$150 to cover the cost of food for the breakfast. A stipend may be needed for one of the speakers as well. Jo-Ann made a motion to approve funds for the M.O.S.A.I.C. Breakfast, and Joan seconded it. All were in favor.

Media: No report.

Member-at-Large: Tabitha reported that the annual dinner is tentatively scheduled for September 30. Restaurant choices include the Irish Coffee Pub (\$38 per person before tax and gratuities), Gallo

(\$20 per person - minimum 30 people – it is a buffet) and the Oar Seafood Grill (\$28 per person). After a brief discussion it seems that Gallo in Patchogue Village is the popular choice. The discussion was tabled for the next meeting.

Membership: Wendy reported that there are currently 222 members of RASD, which includes 43 anonymous members. It was brought to the attention of this Board that some librarians from the East End were confused about how to register to become a member of the SCLA.

New Adult Committee: On February 23 at the Patchogue-Medford Public Library, representatives from the Stony Brook University School of Social Welfare and Suffolk Mentor and Mentee Program, presented about the services they can offer to libraries and their patrons. The next meeting on March 23 at the Suffolk County Library System will be a joint venture with YASD, and will focus on the transition from Young Adults to New Adults. Attendees will receive a graduation packet that will offer information on a variety of topics and services for new adults.

O.A.R.S: The next meeting of this committee will be on March 18 at the Riverhead Free Library. The guest speaker will be from Energy Services.

PR and Marketing: Jo-Ann reported that this committee reviewed the portfolios of the winning entries for the Marketing Award entries. She will be sharing the minutes from this meeting. On June 11, this committee will be presenting a joint program with Ellen (Electronic Resources Committee) at the Half Hollow Hills Public Library. Jo-Ann will request funds at the April meeting. She also shared that she is in need of a co-chairperson. The next meeting of this committee is scheduled for March 19 at the East Islip Public Library.

Programs: Rose reported she is still waiting for a room assignment for the joint program that the Nassau and Suffolk RASDs are co-sponsoring at the Long Island Library Conference on May 7, 2015 at the Melville Marriot. 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.”

Ramblings: Rona will post the newsletter to the SCLA list. The next deadline is March 15 for any April events. She encouraged all committee members to share what they have going on.

Reader’s Advisory: Grace announced that the new chairperson for this committee is Azurree Agnello. She will be at the June RASD meeting. The meeting will be on April 23, and the topic will be “Books into Movies.” Grace will be updating the blog.

Webpage: Stephen and Cathi have been tweaking the website. Menu items have been cleaned up and there will be a link to NYLA on the Membership page.

New Business: Samantha Alberts shared that the SCLA is always willing to partner programs with RASD. She noted that on October 6, 2015, a program is planned in conjunction with Library Journal called “Lead the Change” at the SCLS. The guest speaker will be David Vinjamuri.

Stephen shared that the RASD Mission Statement could use a bit of updating. He suggested this revision of the current statement: *To unite in one division all those who are interested in any phase of reference and adult services. To give those having responsibility for the above services an opportunity to exchange information, develop techniques and improve their professional endeavors. To have representation on the Board of Directors of the Suffolk County Library Association.* Please bring your suggestions for an upgrade to the next meeting.

The next meetings are scheduled for:

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

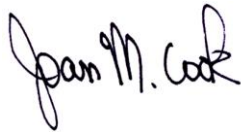
Wednesday, October 28, 2015 (Health Concerns Breakfast) at 9:30 am at the SCLS in Bellport

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

Grace made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 pm.

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