

RASD

Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 10, 2014

East Hampton Public Library, East Hampton, NY

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

Members present: Lauren Bernat, Robert Cognato, Rona Dressler, Elma Lugo, Rose Marut, Megan Sala-James, Wendy Polhemus-Annibell, Sara Bedell-Spataro, and Steven Spataro

April 1, 2014 Minutes: Rona Dressler made a motion to approve the April 1, 2014 minutes; Elma Lugo seconded it.

President's Report:

- Sara thanked members for attending this meeting at East Hampton.
- Sara reported that the Long Island Library Conference went very smoothly. Some had mixed feelings regarding the Keynote Speaker.
- The SCLA Board did not meet this past month. The SCLA dinner will be held on November 20, 2014.
- Brian Adams sent a report indicating that the RASD dinner will be held on September 17, 2014. A place has not yet been determined. Some suggestions that were given include: Ruvo in Port Jefferson, Captain Bill's in Bayshore, Pasta Pasta, Latitude 121, and the Three Village Inn. The board agreed that a decision needed to be made soon with an e-mail approval vote to go out in July. Doreen Rapaport was suggested as a speaker for the dinner.

Treasurer's report: Megan reported that she has received the March and April statements from NYLA. The opening balance for March was \$2,140.94. There was a credit of \$11.00 for NYLA dues. Debits included a check to Grace O'Connor for \$16.38 for hospitality, and \$100 to cover registration fees for 2 speakers at the Long Island Library Conference. The closing balance for March was \$2035.56. The opening balance for April was \$2036.56. There was a credit of \$811 for NYLA dues. Debits included a check for \$20.24 to Sara Bedell-Spataro for hospitality, \$275 to David Vinjamuri for speaking at the Long Island Library Conference, and \$380.75 to Janway for the giveaways at the Long Island Library Conference. The closing balance for April was \$2170.57. Other requests for reimbursements include \$13.99 from Cathi Nashak for the candy at the LILC table, \$62.89 to Elma Lugo for the basket at the LILC table, and \$135.11 to Elma Lugo for the annual MOSAIC breakfast – resulting in an actual closing balance of \$1958.58.

Committee Reports

C.A.R.E: A flyer was sent out announcing that the next C.A.R.E. meeting will be held on June 12, 2014 at 2:30 pm at the Half Hollow Hills Community Library.

Electronic Resources: Ellen Druda reported that this committee will hold their next meeting on June 12 at the Islip Public Library. Topics will include: Information and a discussion with Samantha regarding Rosetta Stone/Mango, Robert Savage from Pronunciator, Information and a discussion with Samantha regarding Flipster and High School Online, SELF-e (<http://reviews.libraryjournal.com/self-e/>) a collaboration between Library Journal and BiblioBoard that exposes notable self-published ebooks –

presented by Ellen, a Hoopla demonstration, reflections on this year's Long Island Library Conference – and ideas about next year's program, and a general discussion. Ellen will post a summary of the meeting on various listservs.

Health Concerns: Rona reported that the Health Concerns Breakfast will be held on October 29, 2014 at SCLS. Rona will know the name of the speaker after July 1, 2014.

Historian: Robert reported that all documents are up to date.

LI History: No report.

Long Island Reads: Deborah that the 2014 LI Reads author event took place on Saturday, May 17 at The Sylvester Manor, on Shelter Island. The Manor is the subject of the book selected for this year. Mac Griswold, the author of "The Manor-Three Centuries at a Slave Plantation on Long Island", spoke to a full house (approximately 200+ people). The LI Reads Committee and the staff at The Manor arranged for the tent and chairs, a/v equipment, opened the house for walk-throughs, greeted attendees and manned the sign-in table. SCLS, NLS, Astoria Bank and SUNation Solar Systems provided financial support. Books were sold and Mr. Griswold signed them after the talk and Q&A. Photos were taken and press follow-ups are being handled by Seth at SCLS, who also attended the event. LI Reads has 4 new members and will be meeting to begin the selection process for 2015 on June 25, from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm at the West Islip Public Library. All are welcome. If anyone has evaluation forms to submit, please send them to Deborah at the Harborfields Public Library via the System bag.

M.O.S.A.I.C: Elma reported that the MOSAIC Annual Breakfast on May 13, 2014 was a great success. Marybeth Zeman, author of *Tales of a Jailhouse Librarian*, and Leticia Cotto, Branch Manager of the Hartford Public Library Park Branch and recipient of the 2013 REACH Neighborhood Service award were the guest speakers. The Navigating Your Community Fair that was held on May 9, 2014 at the Northport-East Northport Public Library was another great success. The Sachem Public Library is considering a fair as well. This committee is also considering a possible trip to Instituto Cervantes, who is interested in collaborating with MOSAIC librarians. Brentwood Public Library and Sachem Public Library are offering classes for librarians who would like to improve their Spanish speaking skills. Elma reminded her members that they should consider joining the SCLA. The next MOSAIC meeting is scheduled for September 9 at the SCLS.

Media: Steven reported that the next meeting is scheduled for a Tuesday or Friday in July. He is looking for a Co-Chairperson.

Member-At-Large: Brian is working on the RASD dinner (see Presidents report).

Membership: Joan that last year at this time, there were more than 300 RASD members. As of April 30, 2014, there are only 179 members. She received an email reminder to renew her membership and expressed concerns that it may be easy for members to forget to renew their membership. Joan would like to recommend Ms. Wendy Polhemus-Annibell for the Membership Chairperson position on this RASD Board. Ms. Polhemus-Annibell works at the Suffolk County Historical Society in Riverhead.

New Adults: Mike reported that The Mentor/Mentee program will be in effect beginning in July - this program will enable professionals to serve as mentors to new adults who may need guidance upon completing college and other career-related focuses. There will be two general meetings in July and August at the Patchogue and Smithtown Public Libraries, to introduce this program (which is under the NASW's Long Island Chapter - New Adult committee). The purpose of these general meetings is to gather interest from patrons in the local and surrounding districts, to seek out volunteers to mentor, and to obtain suggestions for what patrons would like to achieve with the mentorships. Mike is currently

working with Stony Brook University on a program to bring graduate students from Stony Brook University's School of Social Welfare to Suffolk libraries – beginning in the Fall 2014. More information will be available soon. The New Adult and the PR/Marketing committees have scheduled a joint meeting on October 23, 2014. The topic will be social media as it relates to PR/Marketing.

OARS: Cindy reported that the next meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2014 at the Rogers Memorial Library. During the April meeting, Michael Romas spoke about programs on Autism.

PR/Marketing: Jo-Ann reported that 98 people attended the PR/Marketing program at the Long Island Library Conference. Only a few evaluations were completed, all described the program as 'excellent.' She will send the presenter his payment. The next meeting for this committee will be on June 19 at 10:00 am at the SCLS. A discussion is planned regarding how libraries handle their public relation duties, ie: a committee, department, one person, ad hoc, etc.

Programs: Rose reported that the joint RASD program at the LILC on May 1, 2014 - *Finding the New "Lost Generation"* had 100 attendees. Rose sent thank-you's to panelists, Kerrilynn Hurley, Jo-Ann Henn and Richard Murdocco, and to Jean King the arranger for the Nassau RASD. She also compiled the results of the 31 conference evaluations received and sent them to Jean for the records. The feedback was very positive. Thanks to all for your help and support for the program

Ramblings: Rona reported that the deadline for the Summer issue is June 30. Please send any pictures or reports to her.

Readers Advisory: Grace reported that the Reader's Advisory Committee is working on their next genre, Fantasy, encompassing all of its permutations! The next meeting is scheduled for September 25 at the Rogers Memorial Library. Grace is in the process of updating the Reader's Advisory blog with the last genre, Art in Fiction.

Web Page: The New Adult Committee needs to be added to the RASD Constitution.

New Business: A new photograph of Board members is planned to be taken at the August meeting.

Old Business: The microfiber cleaning cloths that were ordered for the LILC give away were very popular, and it was determined that enough were ordered. The RASD table received many visitors. A question was raised about charging \$1.00 for our raffle - as we are one of the last committees that does not ask for a donation. Perhaps we could have several different baskets next year?
Joyce Thompson from Patchogue-Medford was the winner of our LILC 2014 raffle.

The next meetings for this Board are scheduled as follows:

August 5 at the Suffolk County Library System in Bellport

September 2 at the East Islip Public Library

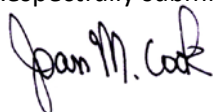
October 29 will be the Health Concerns meeting at the Suffolk County Library System in Bellport

November 4 at the Deer Park Public Library

December 2 at the Suffolk County Library System in Bellport – *tentatively*

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 11:11 am by Rona Dressler; Megan Sala-James seconded it.

Respectfully submitted,



Joan Cook