

# RASD

## Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 5, 2014

Suffolk County Library System, Bellport, NY

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

**Members present:** Brian Adams, Lauren Bernat, Michael Buono, Robert Cognato, Joan Cook, Eileen DeSimone, Rona Dressler, Inez Foster, Grace O'Connor, Wendy Polhemus-Annibell, Elma Lugo, Rose Marut, Cathi Nashak, Megan Sala-James, and Sara Bedell-Spataro

**June 10, 2014 Minutes:** Mike Buono made a motion to approve the June 10, 2014 minutes. Inez Foster seconded it.

### **President's Report:**

- Sara reminded everyone that members of the 'old' SCLA listserv are being transferred over to the li-lib listserv. If you are not a SCLA member, you will be dropped from NYLA's SCLA listserv. Please remember to renew your membership.
- The annual RASD dinner will be at Captain Bill's in Bay Shore.
- A possible speaker for the annual RASD dinner might be Ms. Suzanne Corso from Brooklyn, NY. She wrote *The Brooklyn Story*, and *The Sweet Life*. An adaptation of her memoir is being developed into a screenplay.
- There are 2 SCLA fundraisers – one is at Swirls and Twirls in the Waldbaums shopping center on Sunrise Highway in Patchogue. If you present the flyer that is available on the SCLA website, you will receive 10% off your purchase on August 12 and September 20. The other fundraiser is at Ruby Tuesdays on Sunrise Highway in Sayville. You will receive 20% off your purchase (does not include alcoholic beverages). Please see the SCLA website for details, or email Sara with any questions.

**Treasurer's report:** The opening balance for May was \$2,170.57. There was a miscellaneous deposit of \$50 and a \$1 deposit for NYLA dues. Debits include a \$13.99 check to Cathi Nashak for LILC supplies, a \$62.89 check to Elma Lugo for the LILC raffle basket, a \$135.11 check to Elma Lugo for the MOSAIC breakfast, and 2 additional checks in the amount of \$50 for Leticia Cotto and Marybeth Zeman who were speakers at the MOSAIC breakfast. The closing balance for May was \$1909.58.

The opening balance for June was \$1909.58. Debits include 3 checks in the amount of \$20 – to Sara Bedell-Spataro for RASD Board hospitality, Kerrilynn Hurley for New Adults hospitality, and Grace O'Connor for LI Reads hospitality. The closing balance for June was \$1849.58. *Please note that the June statement has not been received, so the ending June balance may increase if membership dues were deposited.*

NYLA expenses for July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 were as follows: \$367.52 for hospitality, \$437.75 for LILC, \$1535.75 for Programs, and \$1836.72 for the annual RASD dinner. (\$1005.00 was recouped from fees charged, with a net cost of \$831.72)

For July, Meagan requested \$100 from NYLA for a deposit to Captain Bill's for the annual dinner, and \$20 for Kerrilynn Hurley for the New Adult hospitality. The actual balance as of July 31, 2014 is \$1729.58.

Meagan shared that she wonders if 'hospitality' should be increased to \$25, beginning in January. A discussion ensued, and the compensation for hospitality will be raised to \$30 – noting that \$30 does not have to be spent (up to \$30). A motion to accept \$30 for hospitality was made by Cathi Nashak, and was seconded by Eileen DeSimone. Also, SCLA contributed \$300 to the RASD annual dinner.

### **Committee Reports**

**C.A.R.E:** No report.

**Electronic Resources:** Ellen Druda reported that the next meeting of this committee is scheduled for September 11, with the location to be determined.

**Health Concerns:** Rona reported that the Health Concerns Breakfast will be held on October 29, 2014 at SCLS.

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

**LI History:** Inez reported that the September meeting is still to be determined. A traveling exhibits fair is planned at the November meeting, which will take place around the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of November. Inez is still contacting people to present their program at this meeting. Only 4 people signed up for the LI History trip, so the trip was cancelled.

**Long Island Reads:** The last meeting was held at West Islip Public Library. Last year's LI Reads program was evaluated. This committee is in the process of choosing a book. The book must be available in all formats. This committee is also currently working on a mission statement.

**M.O.S.A.I.C:** Elma reported that the next MOSAIC meeting is scheduled for September 9 at the SCLS. The topic for this meeting will be re-immigration and illegals. This group is still trying to determine when they will travel to Institute B.....?? . The November meeting will feature Elizabeth Donovan from the Mastic-Moriches Public Library. She will speak about the recent wave of children's immigration.

**Media:** Sara is going to be Steven's co-chairperson when her term as president is completed. The next meeting is in September with the date and location to be determined.

**Member-At-Large:** The annual RASD dinner will be held at Captain Bill's in Bay Shore on September 17, 2104. Brian thanked Sara for contacting Suzanne Corso about speaking at the RASD dinner. He just needs to clarify a few details before he can send out the invitation. He will send out a "save the date" email. The actual cost is \$35, which includes soft drinks and coffee. Admission will cost \$38.00 in advance (by September 5), with an option to pay \$40 at the door. RSVP's must be made by September 15, 2014.

Brian is looking for prize donations. He finds it is best to ask local vendors – and he will send out his "begging letter" to vendors that were at the LI Library Conference. If you have any items to donate, they would be much appreciated. An Amazon gift certificate and a MasterCard gift card will be among the prizes.

**Membership:** Joan reported that it took some time to get the RASD membership report from NYLA. As of June, 2014 there are 182 members in RASD. Joan, Sara and Eileen attended the SCLA Summer Networking Night at the Cold Spring Harbor Library. The event was very nice, but was not attended as well as other such events. Library Director Helen Crosson told the story of how the library evolved and was designed, and a tour of the building was enjoyed.

**New Adults:** Mike reported that the focus of the June 16, 2014 meeting was on gaming as a hobby and a program. Brian Schwarz was a presenter. At the July 14, 2014 meeting, members traded ideas and spoke about what works and what doesn't. The Mentor/Mentee program is being done in conjunction with the National Association of Social Work. This program will be targeted to individuals, aged 18 to 30 years. The purpose is to create relationships, and conduct orientation meetings for other public libraries to participate in this program. Mike has the contact information if anyone is interested in participating.

**OARS:** The June 11, 2014 meeting at the Rogers Memorial Library featured a guest speaker on Senior Services. The next meeting is scheduled for September 10, with the location to be determined.

**PR/Marketing:** Jo-Ann reported via email that she does not have anything special to report, and will see everyone at the dinner in September.

**Programs:** Rose reported that a summary of all the evaluations from the May LI Library Conference was submitted to Jean King of the Nassau RASD program. Overall, the LILC was well received. Plans are being discussed for next year. Marcia Olsen of the Levittown Library will be the new RASD president next year. The LI Library Conference committee is considering a different venue – besides the Marriott - for the 2015 conference. A date for next year's conference will probably be set soon – Rose will keep us informed.

**Ramblings:** Rona reported that the summer issue went out, and all should have received it. Please send your upcoming events to Rona before the end of August so she can include it in the next newsletter. Cathi added that NYLA is trying to move libraries away from using Constant Contact for their newsletters, and prefers to distribute newsletters through them.

**Readers Advisory:** Grace reported that the blog has been updated. The next topic will be fantasies.

**Web Page:** Joan expressed concern about the RASD website, in that many of the links to the individual committees do now have relative information, but instead link to a listing of the various RASD committees. Sara will ask members to send a blurb describing their committee to be added to the RASD website and connected to the corresponding committee. Sara will send any new information for the RASD website to Jason.

**New Business:** The annual SCLA dinner will be held at Villa Lombardi's on November 20, 2014.

Elections for RASD Board positions will be held online via the NYLA website. Seats that are available include President, President Elect, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary. All nominations for individuals must be submitted by August 13, 2014. Sara will post the information on the SCLA listserv.

**Old Business:** There was never a follow up meeting to discuss the LI Library Conference. As previously mentioned, LILC committee members are considering a new venue for the annual conference. The next meeting date for the LILC committee is in September.

The last day to submit nominations for the Excellence in Library Service Award (ELSA) is August 30.

The next meetings for this Board are scheduled as follows:

September 2 at the East Islip Public Library

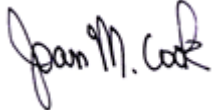
October 29 will be the Health Concerns meeting at the Suffolk County Library System in Bellport

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 11:28 am by Grace O'Connor, and Rose Marut seconded it.

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