

RASD

Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 2, 2014
East Islip Public Library, East Islip, NY

The meeting was called to order at 10:09 am.

Members present: Brian Adams, Lauren Bernat, Jo-Ann Carhart, Joan Cook, Rona Dressler, Ellen Druda, Wendy Polhemus-Annibell, Elma Lugo, Cathi Nashak, Grace O'Connor, Megan Sala-James, Sara Bedell-Spataro and Steven Spataro

June 10, 2014 Minutes: Changes are required in the MOSAIC portion of the August 5 minutes as follows: "the group will travel to Instituto Cervantes" and the final line in the paragraph "She will speak about the recent wave of children's immigration." should be removed. Cathi made a motion to approve the August 5, 2014 minutes with these changes. Rona seconded it.

President's Report:

- Sara welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Laura Panter has been sent information regarding the upcoming RASD elections.
- All is in order for the annual RASD dinner –about 14 people have signed up to date.
- A special thanks to Steve Spataro for finding a speaker for the annual RASD dinner. The speaker will be Helen A. Harrison, Director of the Pollack-Krasner House in East Hampton.
- Sara will forward LI Library Conference forms to anyone who would like to sponsor a special speaker. November 28 is the deadline for submission.

Treasurer's report: Since the last meeting in August, Megan received the June and July bank statements from NYLA. There was a deposit of \$404.34 in June, and an additional \$7 was deposited in July for dues. At the last meeting Megan reported a closing balance for July of \$1729. 58 with the additions previously noted - the balance as of July 31 was \$2148.00.

The only expenditure for August was for \$13.83 to Sara Bedell-Spataro for hospitality for the August 2014 RASD Board meeting.

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 at the Bay Shore Public Library. A discussion regarding next year's Long Island Library Conference is planned. Samantha Alberts will do a presentation on STATS. Bob Johnson will lead a discussion on change in the library. Brian reminded Ellen about a past event that welcomed all who taught computer classes in their libraries to share their experiences and ideas. He suggested that this might be good future event, as it proved to be quite useful.

Health Concerns: The Health Concerns Breakfast will be held on October 29, 2014 at SCLS. The guest speaker is Dr. William Lawson, Professor of Medicine in the Division of Cardiology at the

State University of New York, Stony Brook. Rona is waiting for his bio. She will be putting together an annotated bibliography for the event.

Historian: Robert could not attend this meeting, but reported via email that all historical documents are up to date.

LI History: A traveling exhibits fair is planned at the November meeting, which will take place around the 3rd week of November at the SCLS.

Long Island Reads: This committee is in the process of reading, discussing and evaluating selections for the next LI Reads pick. They are also working on a formal draft of their mission statement and by-laws for choosing county chairs. The next meeting is scheduled for September 11 at the Baldwin Public Library – 9:30 am for coffee – 10:00 am to 12:00 pm meeting. Grace added that “The Museum of Extraordinary Things” is a possible pick.

M.O.S.A.I.C: Elma reported that the next MOSAIC meeting is scheduled for September 9 at the SCLS. Elizabeth Donovan from Mastic-Moriches Public Library may do a talk on immigration at the next Long Island Library Conference. More details will follow.

Media: Sara is going to be Steven’s co-chairperson for 2015. The next meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2014.

Member-At-Large: Brian sent out his “begging letters.” He received a \$500 donation from EBSCO. There will be an EBSCO representative at the dinner. He will use this money to purchase gift cards for prizes at the dinner. Brian is grateful for having Helen as a speaker for the dinner and was wondering if she needs any equipment for her presentation. Jo-Ann will oversee a 50-50 at the dinner.

Membership: Wendy reported that she still only has the June membership report (182 members at that time). Members of this Board were reminded that committee members should be current SCLA members.

New Adults: The next meeting is scheduled for October 15 at the Nesconset Branch of the Smithtown Public Library. Mentors are currently being screened for the Mentor/Mentee program. This committee is looking for a physical space where mentors can be trained for this program. Mike has a list of dates that are set for these events. Jo-Ann suggested that complete details (i.e.: date and needs) should be listed in any email correspondence.

OARS: No report.

PR/Marketing: The next meeting is scheduled for October 23 at the East Islip Public Library. This committee is partnering with the New Adults committee to talk about marketing, meet-ups, newsletters and press releases. The Long Island Library Conference is scheduled for May 7, 2015 at the Melville Marriot. Jo-Ann has not received any submissions for the First Annual PR/Marketing Award. The deadline for submissions is September 15. It was suggested that she share her invitation to join this competition for the Director’s listserv (via Diane Eidelman). The LI-Lib listserv is managed by Kevin McCoy.

Programs: Rose contacted Nassau RASD Vice President, Marcia Olsen of Levittown Public Library - who will be the incoming president for 2015. She will arrange programs for the joint LILC-RASD program. She will also speak to her Board at their September meeting regarding suggestions for possible topics and a speaker for the program. If anyone on this Board has any ideas for topics or

speakers, please let Rose know. There is no new information regarding the venue for the 2015 Long Island Library Conference.

Ramblings: Rona reported that all should have received the recent issue that was distributed. The next deadline is in early November.

Readers Advisory: Grace reported that the next meeting is scheduled for September 25 at the Rogers Memorial Library in Southampton. The topic will be fantasy. Grace expressed concern about a new 'Readers' Advisory' group that Diane Eidelman from the SCLS is starting. This new group will focus on Long Island (local) authors. Steve shared that some local authors are not always up to par with good quality publications, and suggested a "meet and greet" for local authors. Brian suggested that Grace should book a Readers Advisory meeting at the SCLS and invite Diane so she can share her ideas for the new group.

Web Page: Sara expressed that it is difficult to have any information changed on the RASD website. Cathi Nashak volunteered to be the Webmaster. Sara will contact Jason and let him know of the change.

New Business: MOSAIC is looking to partner with CLAC on October 14, 2014 to bring this outreach to children.

Elections for RASD Board positions will be held online via the NYLA website. Those running for positions include Megan Sala-James for President, Steve Ingram for President Elect, Eileen DeSimone for Treasurer, and Joan Cook for Recording Secretary.

It is time to consider planning next year's RASD dinner; it is possible that September 30, 2015 may be a good date. It is best to plan it so it does not interfere with the PLDA Golf Tournament. Other possible dates are September 16 or October 1.

Old Business: Steve was curious to know how long there has been an RASD Annual Dinner with guest speakers. This question will be directed to our Historian, Robert Cognato.

The next meetings for this Board are scheduled as follows:

- 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 Rona Dressler, and Cathi Nashak seconded it.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Cook