

RASD

Board Meeting

Thursday, October 6, 2016

Suffolk County Library System, Bellport, NY

The meeting was called to order at 10:13 am.

Members Present: Lauren Bernat, Jo-Ann Carhart, Karen Cognato, Inez Foster, Stephen Ingram, Katie McIntyre, Maureen Nicolazzi

Stephen made a motion to approve the August 2, 2016 minutes with corrections. The minutes were approved.

President's Report: On September 16, SCLA had a board meeting at the Longwood Public Library, after the legislative breakfast. The shortfalls in the Library Conference profits were discussed. SCLA lost about \$2000 overall. Various explanations were given, but basically it was an example of poor management and a lack of understanding about contracts. According to the Conference Committee, a new contract has already been signed with more realistic expenses. Library Conference attendance fees will increase next year.

The SCLA annual dinner is coming soon at the Meadow Club in Port Jefferson on November 10. The cost is \$45 members \$55 for non-members.

SCLA is considering organizational memberships, charging a flat fee to libraries based on budgets to allow a set amount of members. This will apply to academic libraries as well. The first step was creating a budget table, which mirrors NYLA's organizational membership cart. The second step will be approaching library directors for feedback. SCLA will then bring the proposal to NYLA.

On September 28, there was a Head of Reference meeting. The various initiatives offered by PALS were reviewed. Huntington will be rejoining the PALS system, auto renewing is supposedly coming to patron accounts, and new list creation options with "Decision Center". There were updates from the central library. The biggest discussion was about the Electronic Resources Committee Board considering cutting \$50,000 dollars from the databases. There were various discussions about the pros and cons of this endeavor. There will be about a year until this possibly goes into effect.

Please be aware of the Librarian 1 test and review classes to come.

Treasurer's Report (September): Maureen reported that the opening balance was \$4114.08. **Total revenues** from the RASD dinner were \$330.00. **Total expenses** from the RASD dinner were \$500.00. The **closing balance** as of September 2 was \$3944.08.

Approved reimbursements: Up to \$225.00 for Health Concerns Committee breakfast and \$18.80 for the postage for the RASD dinner.

Outstanding: \$326.25 for the RASD dinner-revised to \$300.00. \$163.00 for the LILC raffle income and M.O.S.A.I.C. breakfast registration.

Treasurer's Report (October): Maureen reported that the opening balance was \$3944.08. **Total revenues** from new member/ continuing dues, the RASD dinner and miscellaneous were \$931.20. **Total expenses** from the RASD dinner were \$300.00. The **closing balance** as of October 3 was \$4575.28.

Outstanding: \$15 for travel expenses for RASD dinner speaker. \$18.80 for RASD dinner postage.

C.A.R.E.: No report this month.

Electronic Resources: No report this month.

Health Concerns: The annual Health Concerns Committee Breakfast will be taking place on October 25 at 9 am at SCLS. A licensed acupuncturist and naturopathic doctor will be presenting their specialties. Don't miss this event!

Historian: Robert reported that Dave Clemens's talk on the early history of RASD was very interesting. Thank you to Joan Cook for putting together a great certificate! Dave really appreciated it! Congratulations to all for a wonderful RASD dinner! All documents are up to date.

Long Island History: Inez reported that the committee met on September 22 and author Rhoda Miller spoke. There will be a possible February meeting that will focus on traveling exhibits. On April 20 the committee plans to have their programmer's showcase. On June 15, there are plans to visit the 3 Village Historical Society.

If you have any historical programming topics, please contact Inez.

Long Island Reads: Beth reported the committee has selected Erik Larson's *Dead Wake* as the 2017 pick. Erik Larson will speak at the April 23 event (for free!). The event will be held at the CW Post campus of Long Island University, in the Hillwood Recital Hall, which is the smaller venue in the Tilles center. This venue is being sponsored by the Palmer school, so it is also free. The committee is currently putting together a coordinated order of the books for Suffolk and Nassau libraries as well as creating programming guides and reader's guides for book groups. These will all be available before the end of the year.

Media: No report this month.

Member-at-Large: Karen reported that the RASD dinner was a success, everyone enjoyed the speaker and the food was delicious! There were 2 raffles left over from the evening. It was agreed that they would be given away at the Health Concerns Breakfast as door prizes.

Membership: Wendy reported that as of October 4 there are currently 170 members.

M.O.S.A.I.C.: Gilda reported that M.O.S.A.I.C. held an immigration workshop for librarians on September 30th at the Patchogue-Medford Library. There were representatives from USCIS, New York Immigration Coalition and the Office of New Americans. It was a great success! There were about 65 attendees. Librarians from Nassau and Suffolk County had the opportunity to interact with the panelists and take citizenship materials for their libraries. All the speakers were free and the lunch was provided by PML.

Shyconia Burden, a representative from USCIS, is very willing to work with libraries and do presentations for us. Perhaps she could speak at the Library Conference. The next M.O.S.A.I.C. meeting will be November 8 at SCLS.

New Adult Committee: The committee will meet on October 17 at SCLS. The committee will be discussing services for young vets. Networking at 9:30 am, meeting will begin at 10:00 am.

O.A.R.S: Cindy reported that next OARS meeting will be at Northport Library on November 9.

PR and Marketing: Jo-Ann reported that there were 4 entries for the award which was great! The committee was thinking about having a sponsor for the award, possibly a media agency. Stephen stated that he could probably offer some advice about that. There are 3 judges in place. Jo-Ann will be getting prices for plaques, ribbons and trophies. The committee is on the agenda for the SCLA annual dinner to present the award.

The committee is looking to put together a database fair for March with Ellen. Any speaker suggestions will be helpful.

Programs: Rose reported that she has been in touch with the new Nassau RASD president, Cynthia Nielsen from West Hempstead Public Library, and she will bring all our suggestions to her group when they meet in November to discuss for our joint program

Ramblings: Wendy reported that if everyone is agreeable and has content to contribute, she can start a new Google doc for a fall/winter issue.

Reader's Advisory: Azuree reported that the committee met on Thursday, September 29 at SCLS. The topic was Culinary Fiction. She is still waiting for the annotations to come in so the blog should be updated by the end of the month. The next meeting is Thursday, January 26 at SCLS. 9:30 am coffee/tea, 10:00 am meeting. The topic is non-fiction to update an older blog post and to go along with the Long Island Reads pick, *Dead Wake* by Erik Larson.

Webpage: Wonda has been posting items on the website as she sees them. If you have any items that you would like posted on the RASD website or even a flyer, please send them to her at her new email: wmiller@johnjermain.org

New Business: A suggestion was made to change the Member-at-Large position to 2 people or a committee to help alleviate all the work involved.

Old Business: No news

Upcoming meetings are scheduled on the following dates:

Tuesday, January 5, 2016, at the SCLS in Bellport

Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at SCLS in Bellport

Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at SCLS in Bellport

Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at SCLS in Bellport

No May meeting: LI Library Conference on May 5, 2016

Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at Suffolk Community College in Selden

No meeting in July

Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at Connetquot Public Library

No September meeting: annual RASD Dinner on September 28, 2016

Thursday, October 6, 2016 at SCLS in Bellport

Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at East Islip Public Library

Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at Deer Park Public Library

If your library would like to host a meeting, please let Stephen know.

The meeting was closed at 11:37 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Katie McIntyre