

RASD

Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 6, 2015

Connetquot Pubic Library, Bohemia, NY

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am.

Members Present: Nicole Berroyer, Robert Cognato, Joan Cook, Ellen Druda, Sal Filosa, Inez Foster, Stephen Ingram, Tabitha Johnson, Elma Lugo, Rose Marut, Cindy Miller, Wonda Miller, Megan Sala-James, and Amber Sroka

Rona made a motion to approve the August 4, 2015 minutes, Inez seconded it. The minutes were approved.

President's Report: Megan thanked Tabitha for doing a fabulous job arranging this year's RASD dinner and speaker. For this year's community service project, SCLA will not be assembling Habitat for Humanity baskets, but will be collecting for Doctors Without Borders. The money collected through the 50/50 raffle at the dinner will be donated towards this project. SCLA is working on a transition form for board members to detail what was done over the past year, and problems that occurred. This can be filled out by the current board member or committee chair, and be given to an incoming member to help with the transition. Welcome packets were discussed for new SCLA members. Incoming presidents are invited to an October 16 SCLA meeting. Next year's policy charges will be finalized at this meeting. On October 28, the Support Staff Division (SSD) will present a program on identity theft. Joe Kelly will be the guest speaker at the December 17 YASD luncheon. NYLA asked SCLA for a donation towards their 125th anniversary celebration. Just a reminder for all committee members... Please send all program attendance sheets to Terri Hatred at SCLS.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

C.A.R.E.: At the September 17 meeting, a speaker from Abilities, Inc., presented an overview of the four programs they offer. These programs include: retail and hotel management, hospitality, business skills and food services. "Prosper" is a new program they offer for students who did not complete high school. It was noted that potential participants must be referred by ACCESS. Also discussed at this meeting was the availability of bilingual programs for patrons. Huntington Public Library offers a program for only their patrons and Brentwood Public Library's program is open to all. On November 19, at 2:00 pm, this committee will have a joint meeting with the Electronic Resources Committee. The program is called "Help! I'm not a business librarian." Chairperson, Linda Knel is retiring from this committee.

Electronic Resources: The next meeting of this committee will be on November 19, at 2:00 pm, it will be a joint meeting with the C.A.R.E. committee as stated above. The December meeting of this committee will explore the topic of Oculus Rift, a virtual reality headset.

Health Concerns: The annual Health Concerns Breakfast is all set for October 28 at 9:00 am at the SCLS. The topic is Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Currently, there are 19 people attending. Reminders have been sent out. All are welcome.

Historian: Robert reported that all documents are up to date. He added the flyer for the Annual

RASD Dinner, and the email for the Annual Health Concerns meeting to the archives.

Long Island History: Topics discussed at the September 17 meeting included an October 9, Long Island Archives Convention, a Traveling Exhibits for Libraries exhibit at Longwood Public Library on November 5, a Program Showcase on April 4, 2016, and a possible trip to the Tesla Museum, the Vanderbilt Museum, or the Walt Whitman House on June 9. The next meeting of this committee will be the November 5 Traveling Exhibits for libraries exhibit at Longwood Library.

Long Island Reads: This committee has tentatively chosen next year's Long Island Reads pick, but will not share it at this time, as they are still working out details with the author's and their representative. Stay tuned!

Media: No report. October 1 Women's Expo at the Middle County Public Library, an Empowering Women Conference on

Member-at-Large: Tabitha reported that the RASD Annual Dinner went very well. Fifty-seven people attended, which covered the cost of the dinner. The cost for the Health Concerns Breakfast should only cost around \$200. Tabitha suggested that it would be helpful to have 2 Members-at-Large for future events. She is going to write notes to pass her experience and wisdom on to those that follow in this capacity.

Membership: Wendy reported that there are currently 154 members.

M.O.S.A.I.C.: Elma reported that the September 8 meeting of this committee included guest speakers Jill Santiago, Educator at the Suffolk Center on the Holocaust, Diversity and Human Understanding (CHDHU) located on the Ammerman Campus of Suffolk County Community College, and Marilyn Tucci, Advocacy Outreach Coordinator at Suffolk Independent Living Organization (SILO), and Lee Annibell, also from SILO. Ms. Santiago spoke about the collection that the CHDHU has to offer, which includes artifacts from the Holocaust, a slavery collection and a Jackie Robinson collection. Admission to the museum is free. The CHDHU also runs an annual Embracing Our Differences outdoor art exhibit. Banners of the art, measuring 5' by 4', may be loaned to libraries for display. This year, the Embracing Our Differences Outdoor Art Exhibit will be held on the grounds of the South Ocean Avenue Middle School in Patchogue. In addition, the CHDHU will bring presentations, such as the Conversation Among Survivors program, to public libraries. On November 10, the CHDHU is sponsoring an event called Witnesses to Liberation, at the Ammerman Campus in Selden. Ms. Tucci (SILO) spoke about the SCAT buses. Elma reminded all about the Town of Brookhaven's Women's Conference on October 3, and that November is Native American Heritage Month. Please contact her if you are interested in having Shane Weeks (a member of the Shinnecock Tribe) speak at your library. Amber shared that there will be a Women's Expo at Middle Country Public Library on October 1. She also shared that ESL Cell-ED, a program that provides pre-recorded lessons and text message quizzes, and books from Saddlebrook Publishing Quick Reads are helpful for intermediate speakers. The next meeting of this committee is on November 10 at SCLS. The guest speaker will be from Response of Suffolk County. This November meeting will be Elma's last meeting for this committee.

New Adult Committee: The next meeting of this committee will be on October 19 at 10:00 am at the Deer Park Public Library. The topic for this meeting will be "Be the Con." A November 16 meeting of this committee at Middle Country Public Library, Selden Branch, will feature guest speaker Andrea Snyder of the Nassau Library System who will speak about marketing.

O.A.R.S: Cindy reported that Roger Leathers was the guest speaker at the September 16 meeting at SCLS. Mr. Leathers works with veterans groups, and helps to ensure that they get the services they need and deserve. He would be interested in hosting a table at any public library to share with

patrons, and to make aware to librarians, what services are available for veterans. The next meeting will be at the Riverhead Public Library on October 14.

PR and Marketing: This committee received three entries for the 2015 SMLA Award. Jo-Ann has arranged to present the award at the SLCS dinner. The judges have been notified and will commence judging. Next year this committee hopes to have a sponsor for the award. A lively conversation was had about marketing ideas at the September 29 meeting of this committee. The idea of SCLS co-sponsoring a speaker with the PR and Marketing Committee to attract a larger audience, and to keep costs down was discussed. Jo-Ann will work on getting this together for March, 2016. Jo-Ann also secured David Vinjamuri as the guest speaker at the 2016 LI Library Conference. His topic will be Guerilla Outreach: 20 Tips for Connecting to Your Local Community. Jo-Ann is exploring the idea of having him as the main RASD speaker, or as one sponsored by the PR and Marketing Committee. When this is decided, the required paperwork will be submitted. Jo-Ann requested a maximum amount of \$55.00 to cover the cost for a winner's trophy, a second place ribbon, and to add the library's name to the plaque. Stephen made a motion to approve \$75 for these items, Rona seconded it, all were in favor.

Programs: Rose reported that she is still waiting to hear from Nassau RASD regarding the LI Library Conference program. She will present David Venjamuri to her as a possible speaker. It is important to note that marketing is for everyone and not just PR people.

Ramblings: Rona still did not receive any articles for the next newsletter. Please write at least one paragraph about your committee's events and submit it within the next two weeks.

Reader's Advisory: Azuree reported via email that this committee last met on September 24, where they discussed the topic of Short Stories. Everyone chose a book by one author – Alice Munro, Neil Gaiman, Ron Rash, or by multiple authors with one editor. While the stories were enjoyed, they were a little *short* of expectations. Azuree is still waiting for everyone's annotations so she can start adding them to the blog. Biographies will be the next subject at the January 28 meeting of this committee.

Webpage: Wand0 Miller will be taking over as the webmaster. Until the end of this calendar year, please continue to forward all program information and announcements to Stephen.

New Business: Linda Knel is retiring as chair of the C.A.R.E. committee. Stephen made a motion to accept Nicole Berroyer as chairperson of the C.A.R.E. committee. Amber Sroker will be the new chairperson of M.O.S.A.I.C. and Sal Filosa will be the Health Concerns chairperson. All committees are advised to have a co-chairperson. SCLA is looking for a liaison to the Nassau Library System: responsibilities require 2 meetings per month. Consider "putting your name in the hat!"

The next meetings are scheduled for:

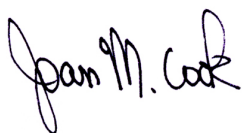
Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 9:30 am, Health Concerns Breakfast at the SCLS in Bellport

Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at 9:30 am, at Longwood Public Library in Middle Island

Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at 9:30 am, at the SCLS in Bellport

Elma made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was closed at 10:58 am.

Respectfully Submitted,



Joan Cook