

RASD

Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Suffolk Center on the Holocaust, Diversity and Human Understanding, Inc., Selden, NY

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

Members Present: Lauren Bernat, Nicole Berroyer, Jo-Ann Carhart, Robert Cognato, Joan Cook, Eileen DeSimone, Rona Dressler, Stephen Ingram, Tabitha Johnson, Elma Lugo, Rose Marut, Cindy Miller, Wendy Polhemus-Annibell, and Megan Sala-James

Corrections to the April 7, 2015 minutes required that Jo-Ann Carhart be added to the "Members attended" section, and the title of the M.O.S.A.I.C. presentation should be changed from "From America to..." to "From Latin America to..." Rona made a motion to approve the minutes with the changes, Cyndy Miller seconded it.

President's Report: Megan reported that all RASD by-laws were passed in the recent vote. Stephen will update the website to reflect the new by-laws. Megan also expressed her gratitude to all who worked at the Long Island Library Conference. RASD raised \$140 from raffle ticket sales. Maria Hatziangebu from Brentwood Public Library won the beautiful basket. Networking night, which was hosted by PLDA was a very successful event. Many library directors were in attendance. A joint NCLA/SCLA bowling event is being planned for June 5. SCLA's share of the proceeds will go to the scholarship fund. Megan made a motion to approve travel expenses in the amount of \$19.00 for Henrietta Verma to the LI Library Conference. Jo-Ann seconded it, and all were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Eileen reported that the opening balance on April 7, 2015 was \$1700.00. April deposits included \$151.00 for April membership dues, and \$140.00 from the LI Library Conference raffle sales. Expenses for April and May include \$300 for the RASD Annual Dinner deposit, \$323.58 for the LI Library Conference giveaway (sticky notes), \$75 for the LI Library Conference basket, \$250 for a speaker for the Electronic Resources Committee, and a \$200 check that Jo-Ann erroneously received - and which will be re-deposited. Including the re-deposited check, the closing balance as of May 31, 2015 was \$783.20. Some additional monies may also be received back from the LI Library Conference. Please note that the May statement will be available on June 15, 2015, and that this treasury report is one month delayed. Funds are low at this time. Please be cautious with requests.

C.A.R.E.: Nicole reported that 24 people attended the May 14 meeting which met at The One-Stop Employment Center in Hauppauge. A tour of the center was informative and well-received. A guest speaker from Abilities, Inc. will present at the next meeting of this committee on September 17 at the SCLS.

Electronic Resources: No report.

Health Concerns: Rona has arranged for a speaker from Stony Brook to offer information on Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome at the October Health Concern's meeting. She is still looking for a second speaker, and will contact the LI Veterans Association.

Historian: Robert reported that all documents are up to date. He attended the recent Head of References meeting, and shared Cathi Nashak's request that any committee members should send upcoming events to her, or Michelle Rom at SCLS for sharing and posting.

LI History: Inez reported via email, that many people cannot attend the June trip as it is a very busy time at the library. As a result, she may change the month for this trip. The LI History Program Showcase was a success, and photos will soon be posted on the LI History website. The next meeting of this committee is on September 17 at SCLS.

Long Island Reads: Therese reported via email that this committee is reviewing selections for next year. This committee was gratified by the wonderful response to this year's selection *The Museum of Extraordinary Things* by Alice Hoffman, and the turnout at the author event in April at the Plainview-Old Bethpage Library. If anyone is interested in joining this committee, or for details about future meetings, please contact Therese.

M.O.S.A.I.C.: The "From Latin America to Long Island: We Are All Immigrants" program at the LI Library Conference was a success. The Navigating Your Community Fair on May 16 at the Huntington Public Library was well attended, and included live music. At the M.O.S.A.I.C. Annual Breakfast on May 19, Silvana Diaz, publisher and owner of the newspaper, Noticia shared her experience of learning that she was an undocumented immigrant. Ms. Diaz will try to distribute her newspaper to local libraries. If your library has any special events, please report them to her, as she would like to highlight a public library each month. As many as 15 individuals may attend M.O.S.A.I.C. meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for September 8, at 10:00 am at the SCLS. Elma will be stepping down from this committee. November 10 will be her last meeting. Amber Sroka will be the new Committee Chairperson.

Media: No report.

Member-at-Large: Tabitha reported that she will soon distribute invitations for the annual RASD dinner which is scheduled for September 30 at Gallo in Patchogue. She will be looking for vendors to contribute items to raffle off at the dinner. The cost is tentatively set at \$38 per person and may be changed to \$40. Tabitha made a motion to request \$500 to cover the cost of guest speaker Kimberly Rae Miller (who grew up in Patchogue) who is the author of the book *Coming Clean*. Rona seconded it. All were in favor.

Membership: Wendy reported that 19 new members were recently added. The total RASD membership now stands at 197 individuals.

New Adult Committee: A successful and informative meeting on new adult programming was held on April 20. If anyone is interested in the suggested new adult programmers, please contact Mike Buono or Lauren Bernat. The next meeting is scheduled for June 15 at the Mastic-Moriches-Shirley Public Library. Academic librarians from local Long Island colleges will present on how to bridge the gap between academic and public libraries for the mutual patrons they serve.

O.A.R.S: The next meeting scheduled for June 17.

PR and Marketing: Jo-Ann reported that Ellen (Electronic Resources Committee) has not heard back from the speaker regarding the Marketing Library Databases webinar on Library Aware that was scheduled at Half Hollow Hills Public Library on June 11 at 10:00 am. Jo-Ann will meet with Joan to catch up on committee information and responsibilities on June 3. At the next meeting on September 29, this committee will lead a roundtable discussion and share ideas on the best library marketing campaigns for 2014. The 2015 awards will incur minimal expenses (most likely less than

\$40), as only a small trophy and a plaque for the award will be needed. Please note that the deadline for the PR and Marketing award is September 15, 2015.

Programs: Rose reported that the joint SCLA/NCLA RASD program “Assisting Job Seekers on the Frontline” with guest speaker Andrea Snyder at the LI Library Conference was well received. Twenty five individuals attended the program and 14 returned an evaluation. The comments and feedback were very positive. Rose sent a summary of the evaluations to NCLA arranger Susan Santa for her review, and thanks everyone for their support and help with the program this year. Ideas for speaker and topics for next year are needed by August or September.

Ramblings: Rona reported that the deadline for the summer newsletter is at the end of June. All are encouraged to send information on upcoming events for inclusion.

Reader’s Advisory: Azuree reported that the topic for the April 23 meeting was Books into Film. Two new members were in attendance. The next meeting is scheduled for September 24 at 10:00 am, at the SCLS. The topic will be Short Stories. Books from the January meeting (topic is Sports) have been posted to the Readers’ Advisory website, and the book list from April’s meeting will be posted soon. A link to the Reader’s Advisory blog has been posted on the RASD committees’ webpage.

Webpage: Please share any committee information with Stephen and Cathi so it can be included on the RASD webpage.

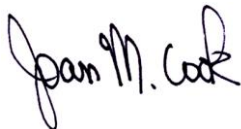
New Business: No new business.

The next meetings are scheduled for:

Tuesday, August 4, 2015 at 9:30 am, at the Suffolk County Library System in Bellport
September 30, 2015 – RASD Annual Dinner at Gallo Restaurant in Patchogue
Wednesday, October 28, 2015 (Health Concerns Breakfast) at 9:30 am at the SCLS in Bellport
Tuesday, November 3 at 9:30 am, at Longwood Public Library in Middle Island
Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at 9:30 am, at the Suffolk County Library System in Bellport

Rona made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Tabitha seconded it. The meeting was closed at 11:15 am.

Respectfully Submitted,



Joan Cook