

RASD

Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 7, 2015
Suffolk County Library System, Bellport, NY

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

Members Present: Azuree Agnello, Lauren Bernat, Nicole Berroyer, Jo-Ann Carhart, Robert Cognato, Joan Cook, Eileen DeSimone, Rona Dressler, Ellen Druda, Inez Foster, Stephen Ingram, Cathi Nashak, Elma Lugo, Rose Marut, Cathi Nashak, Megan Sala-James, and Amber Sroka

Members reviewed the March 3, 2015 minutes. Cathi Nashak made a motion to accept the minutes, Rona seconded it.

President's Report: Megan reported there is a general dissatisfaction with NYLA, fortunately membership numbers seem to be recovering. At the next Heads of Reference meeting, there will be a push for members to join SCLA. They will also be working on a long term plan that will include membership. Networking night is scheduled for April 23 at 6:00 pm at the Babylon Public Library. A bowling night is planned for June 5 at Farmingdale Lanes – cost is \$20.00 per person and proceeds will benefit the SCLA scholarship fund. There was a discussion about developing guidelines for all divisions regarding fees for programs. The question: Should we be charging non-members a fee when they attend any SCLA programs. The idea of Institutional memberships was also discussed. Rona suggested no fees for members, and a nominal fee for non-members. Several Board members support this idea. Voting is available online via NYLA. Changes will be posted on the SCLA website.

Treasurer's Report: Eileen reported that the opening balance for March 1 was \$1947.78. During March there was a \$3 deposit for membership dues, and a request for \$250.00 paid to HJMT Public Relations for a speaker's fee. The closing balance for March, 2014 was \$1700.78.

C.A.R.E.: Nicole reported that the next meeting is scheduled for May 14 at the One Stop Employment Center, in Hauppauge. A meeting on September 17 at the SCLS will feature a speaker from Abilities. The November 19 meeting will be a joint effort with the Electronic Resources committee of this Board – the program is entitled "Help, I'm Not a Business Librarian." The C.A.R.E. committee is also looking to partner with the New Adults committee to provide them with career resources, and with M.O.S.A.I.C. to provide them with career resources for new Americans.

Electronic Resources: A joint presentation with the PR and Marketing Committee called "Search Engine Optimization" with guest speaker Mitch Tobol is planned for June 11 at Half Hollow Hills Public Library. Mr. Tobol is a professor at Hofstra University, and he will speak about getting the best out of your library website. Ellen made a motion for \$250 to pay Mr. Tobol, Cathi seconded it. The board approves.

Health Concerns: Rona reported that the topic for the annual Health Concerns meeting will be Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. She is currently looking for speakers.

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

LI History: This committee has planned a Long Island History and Genealogy Program Showcase for April 23 at Babylon Public Library. This event is open to all and will feature 6 great speakers. After the showcase, a meeting will be held to discuss a morning trip on June 18. A future meeting is planned for September 17.

Long Island Reads: This committee continues to prepare for the April 19 author event at the Plainview-Old Bethpage Library. Alice Hoffman, author of *The Museum of Extraordinary Things* will be the guest speaker. Tickets are not required, and seating is on a first come, first served basis. Newsday will be interviewing Alice beforehand and they are pleased with the reception that this event is getting. Promotional flyers and posters, courtesy of Astoria Bank, have been sent to all Suffolk libraries via the system bags, and this committee appreciates the support the libraries have given this project.

M.O.S.A.I.C.: Elma reported that this committee is all set for their presentation "From Latin America to Long Island: We Are All Immigrants" at the LI Library Conference. Flyers and brochures for this event have been distributed. A flyer promoting the Annual M.O.S.A.I.C. Breakfast on May 19 at 9:30 am at the SCLS, has also been distributed. Silvana Diaz, publisher and co-owner of Noticia, a Long Island Media Press Corp publication will be the guest speaker at this event. SCCC Professor Rich Lauria would like to partner with Suffolk libraries to place his ESL students in conversation classes at the library. The next meeting for this committee is scheduled for September.

Media: Ten people attended the March 25 meeting at the SCLS. A PowerPoint presentation entitled "Baby Boomers and Media Habits" was shared. This committee was asked to speak at the LILRC breakfast on Tuesday, June 16 at the Farmingdale Public Library. The topic has not been developed yet, but the subject will be regarding media services and libraries. Sara will bring items needed for the LI Library Conference to Joan.

Member-at-Large: The RASD dinner is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, September 30 at Gallo in Patchogue. The cost would be about \$33 per person. A deposit of \$300 is needed to reserve the date. For reference, dinner at the Irish Coffee Pub would cost \$38, plus the cost of soft drinks and an administrative fee. If you have any suggestions for a speaker or topic for the dinner, please contact Tabitha at tabithajohnson08@gmail.com. After some discussion, the board suggested that the cost will be set at \$35. A tax exempt form must be faxed to the restaurant from NYLA. All were in favor of having the dinner, for \$35 at Gallo in Patchogue.

Membership: There are currently 178 members of RASD (this does not include "private members." In the previous minutes there was a reference to "private members" – these members are those that have not renewed and are in a 90 day grace period before they are removed from NYLA's system.

New Adult Committee: This committee held a joint meeting with YASD on March 31 at the SCLS. The meeting topic was about transitioning from young to new adults. After a discussion between the NAC Chair and YASD President Mike Buono about the transition process, those in attendance received copies of a "graduation document" which contains information and forms on many things a young adult will need to become a new adult. Copies are available for sharing. Please contact Mike Buono or Lauren Bernat for a digital copy. These documents will also be available online.

O.A.R.S: No report. This committee was scheduled to meet on March 18 at the Riverhead Free Library.

PR and Marketing: Jo-Ann reported that 9 people attended the March 19 meeting at East Islip Public Library where Andrea Snyder, Outreach Coordinator for Nassau Library System gave a

presentation on how to market to all aspects of your community. The next meeting is scheduled for June 11 at the Half Hollow Hills Community Library. It will be a workshop on Search Engine Optimization. Joan Cook has agreed to be the Co-chair for this committee. It is time to start advertising the annual award program. A roundtable meeting is planned for September 29 at the SCLS. Participants will discuss how a successful 2013-2014 program was planned and marketed.

Programs: Rose has been in contact with Nassau RASD arranger, Susan Santa regarding the details and arrangements for the LI Library Conference. The joint program at the May 7th conference will be during Session III (3:00 to 4:00 pm) in the Vanderbilt Room of the Melville Marriott. The topic will be Assisting Job Seekers on the Front Line and the guest speaker will be Andrea Snyder, an outreach specialist at the Nassau Library System.

Ramblings: Rona shared that the deadline for the next newsletter is April 15. She encouraged all committee members to share information on their upcoming programs.

Reader's Advisory: Azurre Agnello reported that the next meeting will be on April 23. The topic will be "Books into Movies."

Webpage: All editions of Ramblings has been archived back to 2009. Please send information about your committee's upcoming meetings to be posted on the website. Photos and flyers can also be included. Michelle Rung will post calendar items on the SCLA website, please send them to sclacalendar@gmail.com.

New Business: Long Island Library Conference: In the past, RASD raffle tickets have been free. This year we are going to charge for raffle tickets, 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5. Elma will put the basket together for the raffle. Please send items related to good health to Elma as soon as possible. An additional \$75 will be allocated for the basket. **Membership Chairperson Responsibilities:** The RASD Membership chairperson should be responsible to list upcoming events.

Old Business: Elections for the new RASD Board members will be in June, and new officers will start their positions in January, 2016. Michele Rung is running for Recording Secretary, Lauren Bernat is running for VP/President Elect, and a Treasurer will need to be appointed for 2 years. The new slate is approved, all are in favor with none opposed.

The next meetings are scheduled for:

Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at 9:30 am at the Suffolk Center on the Holocaust, Diversity and Human Understanding, which is located in the Huntington Library on the Ammerman Campus of Suffolk County Community College in Selden.

Tuesday, August 4, 2015 at 9:30 am, at the Suffolk County Library System in Bellport

September, RASD Annual Dinner – Gallo Restaurant, 3 East Main Street in Patchogue

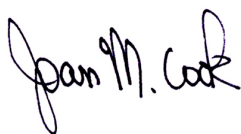
Wednesday, October 28, 2015 (Health Concerns Breakfast) at 9:30 am at the SCLS in Bellport

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

The meeting was closed at 11:38 am.

Respectfully Submitted,



Joan Cook