

RASD

Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 4, 2015

Suffolk County Library System, Bellport, NY

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

Members Present: Sara Bedell-Spataro, Lauren Bernat, Joan Cook, Eileen DeSimone, Rona Dressler, Stephen Ingram, Tabitha Johnson, Elma Lugo, Rose Marut, Cindy Miller, Wendy Polhemus-Annibell, and Megan Sala-James

Rona made a motion to approve the June 2, 2015 minutes, Sara seconded it. The minutes were approved.

President's Report: Megan reported that Matthew Bollerman spoke about the NYLA initiative regarding sustainability in libraries. He will be participating in a brainstorming retreat with a small group of select people to come up with ideas about projects, obtaining seed money, and what NYLA's role will be. Results may be shared at the NYLA conference. On, Friday, October 16, there will be a special SCLA meeting with presidents/vice presidents to discuss procedures for charging for next year's programs. The POPCon Committee has been renamed as the Fandom Outreach Committee. The Beacon House accepts donations of hard and soft cover books for homeless veterans and their families. Jails only accept soft cover books. A special meeting for presidents and treasurers followed the general meeting. The goal of this meeting was to get everyone on the same page regarding what is acceptable for budget lines. Megan will go over the budget outline with Eileen shortly. Cathi Nashak is busy getting organized at Uniondale Public Library. If you would like to stay in touch with her, her new email address is cnashak@uniondalelibrary.org.

Treasurer's Report: Eileen reported that RASD funds are low. She and Megan are concerned that perhaps some monies are not being properly deposited into the RASD account, especially regarding the LI Library Conference. There may be confusion between the Nassau and Suffolk RASD committees. The opening balance on June 2, 2015 was \$583.20. Deposits included \$200 from the returned check from Jo-Ann Carhart, and \$401.80 for May and June dues. Expenses for June included a \$250.00 down payment to Kimberly Rae Miller (guest speaker for the annual dinner), \$122.59 to Elma Lugo for the MOSAIC Annual Breakfast, \$19.00 to Henrietta Verma (travel expenses - railroad ticket - for this guest speaker at the LI Library Conference), and \$120.00 for Maurice Williams' and Christopher Cajigas' registration for the LI Library Conference. The closing balance as of August 4, 2015 is \$673.41.

C.A.R.E.: A guest speaker from Abilities, Inc. will present at the next meeting of this committee on September 17 at the SCLS. Please join this committee at 2:00 pm for coffee, the meeting will begin at 2:30 pm. Abilities, Inc. prepares adolescents and adults with disabilities for entry or re-entry into the workforce so they can enjoy independent living, community participation and economic self-sufficiency.

Electronic Resources: The next meeting of this committee will be on September 10 at the Middle Country Public Library. An agenda will be announced.

Health Concerns: Rona has arranged for Dr. Keith Shapiro, Psychiatrist and Program Director of the Post Traumatic Stress Disorder in the residential unit of the Northport VA Medical Center, and Dr. Jenna Taglienti who works in the Psychiatry Department of Stony Brook University Hospital as speakers for the October 28 Health Concerns meeting.

Historian: Robert reported via email, that all documents are up to date. This past June meeting marked RASD's 34th year of meetings – the first meeting was on June 24, 1981.

Long Island History: Inez reported via email, that the next meeting of this committee is on September 17 at SCLS. Refreshments will be served at 9:30 am, and the meeting will begin at 10:00 am. The agenda for this meeting includes a number of projects for the upcoming year, including a November Traveling Exhibits program, an April Programmers Showcase, and details regarding the annual trip.

Long Island Reads: Therese reported via email that this committee is reviewing selections for next year. A decision regarding next year's title will be made in the Fall.

M.O.S.A.I.C.: Elma reported that the next meeting is scheduled for September 8, at 10:00 am at the SCLS. Ms. Jill Santiago from the Suffolk Center on the Holocaust, Diversity and Human Understanding, and a guest from SILO will be present to speak about their organizations.

Media: Sara reported that this committee presented a program on general Media Consumption Habits of All Generations at the LI Library Conference and the Farmingdale Public Library. They also participated in lightning round discussions. The next meeting of this committee will be before the end of the summer. The date and time will be announced.

Member-at-Large: Tabitha reported that all invitations for the annual RASD dinner have been distributed. Currently, 13 people have signed up to attend. Tabitha received a \$500 donation for the dinner from Sand Pebbles Builders. Joan will create a thank you letter for this generous donation. There will be a raffle for Theatre Three. Joan will also post details about the dinner on the RASD Facebook page. Tabitha will plan food for the RASD Annual Breakfast. Last year the cost of the breakfast went over \$300. This year the cost of the breakfast will be capped at \$300.

Membership: Wendy reported that there are currently 164 members. There seems to be a discrepancy with NYLA membership numbers.

New Adult Committee: Lauren reported that the next meeting of this committee will be on September 21 at the Comsewogue Public Library. The topic will be Emerging Retail Technology.

O.A.R.S: Cindy reported that this committee met at the Sachem Public Library on June 17. The next meeting is scheduled for September 16, the location will be announced.

PR and Marketing: Joan reported that the next meeting for this committee is planned for September 29. This meeting will include a roundtable discussion, and ideas on the best library marketing campaigns for 2014 will be shared. The deadline for the PR and Marketing Award is September 15, 2015.

Programs: Rose reported that evaluations from the LI Library Conference were sent to Susan Santa. She asks that everyone think about speakers and topics for next year's program. Please email any ideas to her at rmarut@pmlib.org. Rose also asked about fees for guest speakers. Typically they charge \$250.

Ramblings: Rona shared that all should have received the June, 2015 edition of Ramblings. Please send information highlighting your summer accomplishments, or about your upcoming fall programs. The deadline for the next issue is September 30.

Reader's Advisory: Azuree reported via email that the blog is up to date and includes the April Books to Film selections. She started adding years to the topic lists so patrons looking at the blog will know when they were created. She will be asking board members if they can help fill in the rest of the dates since it was before her involvement with this committee. The next meeting is scheduled for September 24 at 10:00 am, at the SCLS. The topic will be Short Stories.

Webpage: Stephen reported that Cathi will no longer be working on the RASD webpage. He will continue to work on the website until the end of this year. He is looking for a volunteer to replace him in this capacity. Stephen sent Michelle Rom dates to be included on the SCLA web calendar.

New Business: Rona is retiring. Her last day will be November 27, 2015. Stephen will be presenting at the NYLA Conference. The end of September is the time to begin selecting topics for the May LI Library Conference. Submissions are due on November 27, 2015. Stephen suggested a joint meeting with the Nassau RASD committee to discuss possible topics for the LI Library Conference.

The next meetings are scheduled for:

September 30, 2015 – RASD Annual Dinner at 6:30 pm at Gallo Restaurant in Patchogue

Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 9:30 am, at the Connetquot Public Library

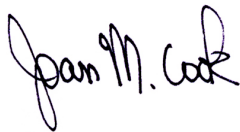
Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 9:30 am, Health Concerns Breakfast at the SCLS in Bellport

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

Rona made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Stephen seconded it. The meeting was closed at 11:18 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joan M. Cook". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "C".