

RASD

Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 2017
Suffolk Cooperative 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, Candace Hope, Stephen Ingram, Rose Marut, Katie McIntyre, Wonda Miller, Maureen Nicolazzi, Wendy Polhemus-Annibell, Lissetty Thomas

Lauren made a motion to approve the December 6 minutes with corrections. The minutes were approved.

President's Report: Welcome to all of our continuing and new Board members! We are currently looking to fill the position of Member-at-Large with 2 people who can coordinate on the Annual Dinner Meeting in September.

I would like to remind all committee chairs that advertising meetings at least one month in advance is important, as many libraries require a month's notice to leave the building and we have a large number of librarians required to fulfill CEU hours. Likewise, officers are required to attend board meetings and submit reports; this helps to keep our Division running smoothly and in accordance with our standards and bylaws. Additionally, please take the time to submit even a brief statement to Ramblings, which Wendy Polhemus-Annibell will speak more about.

Treasurer's Report: (January): Maureen reported that the opening balance was \$4602.10. **Total revenues** from new member/continuing dues and the RASD dinner were \$145.00. **Total expenses** from RASD programs were \$195.64. The **closing balance** as of January 9 was \$4551.46.

Approved reimbursements: Transfer of funds to assist SCLA for \$1000.00. Online approval November 21, 2016

Outstanding: Transfer of funds to SCLA account submitted to NYLA on November 23, 2016. Transferred on December 16, 2016.

Maureen also submitted an expenditures report for 2016.

C.A.R.E.: Nicole reported that the next committee meeting is scheduled for February 16 at SCLS. Coffee at 2:00 pm and meeting at 2:30 pm.

Don't forget she has paper goods!

Electronic Resources: Dave reported that the last committee meeting on December 8 was well-attended. The discussion was about various virtual reality systems on the market and possible library programs using them. Aurora Maravalli of SCLS and Chris DeChristofaro of Sachem Public Library demonstrated their HTC Vive Virtual Reality systems.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 9 at Islip Public Library. The topic will be about online educational resources, whether they are popular or not and how to promote them.

Health Concerns: Sal reported that they have submitted a sponsorship form for LILC in co-sponsorship with NCLA Health Services Committee and Long Island Library Resources Council with the title *A Candid Look at Autism*. This is a free program and will provide a candid look into what it is like to grow up, live and work with a diagnosis of autism; as presented by the author and illustrator, Michael Werner and Jonathan Civardi.

The committee has also submitted a sponsorship form for LILC for another program to be run just by Health Concerns called *Barking Up the Right Tree: Animal Assisted Therapy in the Library*. This would feature Pam Linden, a Clinical Associate Professor in the Occupational Therapy Program at SUNYBS, who is experienced in administering psychiatric residential and case management programs for people with mental illness. Her current research projects include animal assisted therapy-the goals and techniques used with animals to enhance human physical, social, spiritual, and mental health. She teaches and explores the many applications, ethical considerations, and possible consequences of incorporating animal assisted interventions into healthcare and human services treatment facilities. She consults with Dr. David Hensen of the Patchogue Rotary Animal Assisted Therapy (PRAAT) program, and visits around 150 sites performing animal assistance therapy research. Pam is in the process of applying for a grant to allow her the time and resources to train Librarians to better utilize pets in the library for programs and workshops. Joining Pam would be Sonnie Goldman, Director of Canine Training at PRAAT with Hans, (a standard poodle) Veteran Animal Assisted Therapy Canine, Librarian Jill Cloonan of Longwood Public Library and Kathleen Maxheimer, formerly of Stony Brook University and Frank Melville Jr. Memorial Library where she was the University Libraries Outreach Strategist. She holds an AAS degree and is a Therapeutic Recreation Specialist. This is also a free program and the committee believes that it should draw interest and prove to be a beneficial program for those who attend.

Historian: Robert reported that all information is currently up-to-date.

Long Island History: Inez reported that the Program Showcase is still planned for April 27, 2017 at SCLS from 9:30 am – 12:00 pm.

The annual trip will be to the Three Village Historical Society in early June.

Long Island Reads: Beth reported The Long Island Reads committee will be running a bus to encourage library patrons from Suffolk to attend the author event at the CW Post campus. It will cost \$10 per person and includes round trip transportation on a Hampton Jitney, refreshments and a book discussion on the bus. Those on the bus will also have reserved seating at the author event, so they won't need to request tickets. The bus will pick up at the Westhampton Library, Riverhead Library and Sachem Library. Patrons may purchase a seat through Sierra (LIR17) starting March 15.

The next Long Island Reads meeting will be on Wednesday, January 11 at the Patchogue-Medford Library.

Media: No report this month.

Member-at-Large: No report this month.

Membership: Wendy reported that there are currently 163 members.

M.O.S.A.I.C.: Amber reported that the committee has submitted their Library Conference proposal for the immigration workshop.

The next committee meeting will be Tuesday, January 17 at SCLS. 9:30 am coffee, 10:00 am meeting.

New Adults: The next committee meeting will be January 23 at the Patchogue-Medford Library, 9:30 am coffee and 10:00 am meeting. Andrew from the Sachem Library will be discussing D.I.Y. in your community and how to look for local talent.

The next committee meeting will be in February at Brentwood Public Library.

O.A.R.S: Cindy reported that Denise Campbell from Northport gave a great talk and demo about the BARD system through Talking Books at the December meeting. BARD allows patrons to download their books. She also teaches patrons how to do this on their own or will do it for them on flash drives which she lends out to patrons. She is willing to do demos at other libraries.

The next committee meeting will be on January 11 at Sachem Public Library.

PR and Marketing: Jo-Ann reported that the next committee meeting will be at the East Islip Public Library on January 26. The four entries for the 2016 SLMA Award will be presented, and library marketing will be discussed. The marketing campaigns that were submitted are examples of the excellent marketing that is going on in Suffolk County. Coffee will be at 9:30 am and presentations at 10:00 am.

Programs: Rose reported that she has booked Nancy Dowd, Product Manager, Library Aware, Novelist/Ebsco Publishing, for the joint program with Nassau RASD and submitted the sponsor form to the LILC Committee.

In the program; *Are you Struggling to Promote your Online Resources*, Nancy will discuss the difficulties of getting people to use free online resources from the library when patrons are already paying for comparative services. She will also talk about the work that her company is doing with 50 plus libraries as part of a pilot program that uses emails to get the word out to card holders about their online resources.

Attendees will learn about the strategies they are using as well as the results and insights that will help to inspire libraries to re-look at the ways they are marketing their online resources.

Ramblings: Wendy reported that the 2017 winter *Ramblings* Google docs draft was distributed for content submission and is available at the link emailed to RASD members on Jan. 3. Submission deadline is Jan. 28. No submissions have been received so far.

Reader's Advisory: Azuree reported that the next meeting is Thursday, January 26 at SCLS. 9:30 am coffee, 10:00 am meeting. The topic will be non-fiction.

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 please forward them to her. She has also started a page for professional development; if you have resources to include please let her know.

You can reach her at: wmiller@johnjermain.org

New Business: New RASD meeting dates were announced.

Old Business: Stephen reported on the last SCLA meeting on December 16. The majority of the meeting focused on the financial concerns of SCLA. As of the end of this meeting, most of the issues have been resolved. Each division contributed money to the parent organization, allowing for the funding of the legislative trip to the state capital, and to assure the conference will continue.

The President and Vice-President of SCLA met with PLDA incoming President and Vice-President to clarify SCLA's involvement with the legislative trip and to properly inform any director who had concerns.

The President and Vice-President of SCLA also had a conference call with the President and Treasurer of the LILC to discuss the financial status of the conference. They also vetted the contract through NYLA, so, at this point; the next conference should be on track.

Upcoming meetings are scheduled on the following dates:

Tuesday, January 10, 2017, at SCLS in Bellport

Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at Bay Shore – Brightwaters Public Library

Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at SCLS in Bellport

Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at SCLS in Bellport

No May meeting: LI Library Conference on May 4, 2017

Tuesday, June 6, 2016 at Sag Harbor Public Library

No meeting in July

Tuesday, August 8, 2016 at Connetquot Public Library

September: Annual Dinner & Meeting

Thursday, October 3, 2017 at SCLS in Bellport

Tuesday, November 14, 2016 at SCLS in Bellport

Tuesday, December 5, 2016 at SCLS in Bellport

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

The meeting was closed at 10:53 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Katie McIntyre