



Outreach Committee Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2020
Suffolk Cooperative Library System, Bellport, New York, 11719

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.

Members Present:

Adrienne Brosseau (Amityville), Janet Eagan (Connetquot), Nanette Feder (Emma S. Clark), Lisa Kroitor (Copiague), Laura LaSita (Riverhead), Valerie Lewis (SCLS), Adriana LoDolce (Islip), Elma Lugo (Longwood), Cindy Miller (Central Islip), Catherine Montazem (Deer Park), Jennifer O'Connor (South Huntington), Jonathan Pryor (Sayville), Gilda Ramos (Middle Country), Georgina Rivas-Martinez (South Huntington), Kelly Sulima (Sachem), Melissa Wilson (Rogers Memorial)

Introduction of all attendees.

Committee Name and Mission:

Members voted all in favor of a change to the name and mission of OARS for RASD approval to:

Outreach Committee – Meets four times per year to discuss how to meet the evolving needs of our local communities.

Resources for Collaborative Programming with Nonprofit Organizations and for Underserved Populations:

Lists of programmers and contact information were provided to all members. It was requested that members bring similar information to future meetings if possible.

Community Resources:

A list of crisis hotlines and local resources and services for patrons were provided. Every member received the document via email so individual logos could be added.

There was a discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of programming offered by different hospitals.

Legal assistance via the Suffolk County Bar Association, the New York State Permanent Commission on Access to Justice, and legal advocates.

Possible Options for Meeting Unmet Community Needs:

Members requested that Valerie Lewis schedule a citizenship education program at SCLS.

Women's networking events.

Support groups, such as for struggling artists or divorcés.

Mom's Night Out promoting women's health.

Long Island Cares to assist with distribution of food for those in need.

Trick-or-treat event with nonprofit organizations.

Single seniors group.

Creation and distribution of senior resource booklets.

Use social media to engage with the community and provide information in accordance with its needs, such as a local mom's group on Facebook.

Join the local rotary and civic associations to promote the library.

New Business: A Google Group will be created for resource sharing among committee members.

The meeting was closed at 11:45 am for participants to visit the SLED parked outside, which was requested by the Outreach Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Adriana LoDolce

2020 RASD Outreach Committee Meeting Schedule

Date	Location and Time
Monday, May 4, 2020	SCLS – 9:30 am Coffee, 10:00 am Meeting
Monday, October 5, 2020	Pending Library Near Nassau/Suffolk Border – 9:30 am Coffee, 10:00 am Meeting
Monday, December 7, 2020	SCLS – 9:30 am Coffee, 10:00 am Meeting

(Subject to Change)