

**ORANGE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING
APRIL 26, 2006**

Attendance:

Florence Brady, Suzanne Brahm, Doris Callan, Lynn Coppers, Lois Delarose, Claudia Depkin, Connie Dorsey, Theresa Dolch, Randy Enos, Madelyn Folino, Anna Hanson, Kathy LaRocca, Susan O'Neill, Rose Pomares, Leslie Riley, Molly Robbins, Suzanne Skeels, Eileen Stelljes, Catina Strauss, Martha Sullivan

Claudia Depkin called the meeting to order at 10:20 A.M. at Highland Falls. Motion to approve the minutes of the last general meeting of October 12, 2005 made by Madelyn Folino and seconded by Catina Strauss. Minutes approved as written.

Treasurer's Report

The balance of our account is \$8,172.46 with \$705.99 of that amount to be reimbursed for Books for Babies.

Five libraries have not responded to the membership drive which collected \$1455 to date.

Work on preparing our 990 for this year has begun and is due May 15, 2006.

Bylaws Committee

The bylaws amendment to plan for a professional auditor every three years was approved.

Legislative/Advocacy Committee

County budget for libraries in 2006 is \$120,000. Paperwork is being prepared.

Membership Committee

Please send in membership if you have not already done so. Consider membership for patrons and trustees.

Program Committee

Flyer has been sent out for the BASH. Bus will leave for Huguenot Street, New Paltz from the Goshen Government Center. Lunch will be at the Gilded Otter.

Publicity Committee

We should consider an ad in the Times Herald Record for summer programs. A press release will be sent for new OLA officers.

Old Business

Seven libraries still need to send pictures for our website. There will be links to every library. The URL is not purchased yet but should be ready by July. There will be a PDF file on the website for the schedule of library hours brochure. The website is designed by Seacoast Web (now in Seattle) and updates will be done by Susan O'Neill of Monroe Library.

Books for Babies was a piloted project by Washingtonville and Newburgh libraries. Senator Morahan made additional funding available and the project is now county wide. Participating doctors give the parents of 9 to 12-month olds a book with a prescription to be filled at their local library. At the library the parent receives a packet containing a book, information on reading and library programs. All Orange County libraries should have packets. A video program is also available to explain the program to doctors.

A library fundraiser will be held at Barnes & Noble on May 19, 20 and 21.

A volunteer is needed to work on a salary schedule for 2006.

New Business

Slate for President-Elect is Molly Robbins. Secretary casts one vote. Molly Robbins is now President-Elect.

A new schedule of hours will be printed and in the future will be available as a PDF file on our website.

We should consider offering a yearly scholarship for library school students. LARC can be contacted for information on how they run their scholarship program.

The meeting was adjourned and a program followed by the Black Dirt Storytelling Guild.

Respectfully submitted,

Florence Brady