

**ORANGE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
DIRECTOR'S MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2005**

Attendance:

Florence Brady, Suzanne Brahm, Rosemary Cooper, Lynn Coppers, Claudia Depkin, Madelyn Folino, Kevin Gallagher, Kathy LaRocca, Marilyn McIntosh, Molly Robbins, Suzanne Skeels

Rosemary Cooper called the meeting to order at 10:40 A.M. in Florida. Rosemary shared a thank you note received from Carmela Chase.

Motion to approved the minutes of the last Director's Meeting of December 1, 2004 made by Suzanne Skeels and seconded by Claudia Depkin. Minutes approved as written.

Treasurer's Report

Bank account balance is \$5,879.20.

Finance Committee

Finance Committee will meet before the April 27 General Meeting to prepare a budget.

Legislative/Advocacy Committee

NYLA Lobby Day is March 15, 2005. Postcards have been sent to each library to be filled out by patrons, supporting library funding. The postcards will be delivered to appropriate legislators on Lobby Day.

Legislators Morahan and Rabbit will attend a Warwick Town Meeting on March 3, 2005.

Publicity Committee

Claudia Depkin will send us electronically a petition to put out for patrons to sign, in support of increasing the state budget to libraries for next year. This will also be delivered on Lobby Day.

Program Committee

Posters and sign up forms have been sent for the Circ/Tech Roundtable to be held on April 13, 2005 at RCLS. Please post and encourage staff to attend and return forms with questions and concerns for discussion.

OLA will sponsor a Bash this year to South Street Seaport on June 1, 2005. Only costs involved are for the bus and Museum admission. On your own for lunch.

Membership Committee

There are currently 70 members this year. Nine libraries have not yet responded. Please encourage full staff membership and also trustees and Friends of the Library. Diane Loomis will create membership cards to send to all members.

Nominating Committee

Kathy LaRocca, chair of the committee, presented the following slate:

Suzanne Skeels, President

Florence Brady, Secretary

Marilyn McIntosh, Treasurer

Notice must be sent to all members 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting of April 27, 2005.

Old Business

No special meetings are planned with state legislators. Lobby Day will be a good time to advocate for libraries.

501(c)3 has been accepted. Linda Hannigan filed all papers. An accountant has filed the 990EX form for 2002 and 2003 (\$300 charge) and will be working on 2004(\$250 charge). Work is being done to register with the State. Thereafter, we will only have to file a yearly 990. A thank you note was sent to Linda and it was suggested to invite her to the Bash.

Regarding Books for Babies, Randy Enos is working on Senator Morahan's \$5,000 member item grant. Paperwork and grant materials must be filled out by CLOUSC. A pilot program is in the works for Newburgh and Washingtonville. Kickoff is in April. Further information to follow.

Chuck Thomas of Newburgh will be working on the annual Salary Schedule. This is valuable information. Chuck hopes to have information out by the end of February with a one-month response date.

One-Time Fundraising is currently reorganizing and not taking new clients.

New Business

Maybrook Reading Center is the only reading center in RCLS. They have a yearly contract with RCLS. This year RCLS has put them on notice to apply for official status.

They need to hire a Library Manager but do not want to spend the money to do this or proceed with the Charter process. Perhaps they could become a branch library of Montgomery or Walden. Their patrons will lose library privileges if this is not resolved. The discussion was tabled until Leslie Myers of Walden and Betsy Comizio of Montgomery are present at an OLA meeting.

Ted Sly, Orange County Historian will be invited to present at our Annual Meeting. Perhaps the meeting could be moved to the Historical Society. In addition, a presentation on merchandising at your library could also be presented by staff from Monroe library.

Pauline Kehoe suggested funding a joint Summer Reading Program by a Japanese Drumming Group – Taiko – at the Lycian Theater. Would RCLS put in funds also? We need more information on the complete cost of \$1,000 plus additional expenses.

Discussion on the purchase of a DVD Repair machine decided the \$6,000 cost is prohibitive.

There was a discussion on the Direct Access issue between Suffern and Spring Valley libraries. Suffern has a very serious over use by Spring Valley patrons particularly juvenile materials. Suffern will lower the amount of materials to be borrowed by Spring Valley patrons from 30 to 10 items. No holds will be allowed through the Suffern catalog by Spring Valley and there will be no direct access to the media collection. RCLS Director's Association unanimously supported these changes. The Direct Access Committee will address the issue of what constitutes overuse.

New go live date for Horizon is August 18, 2005.

Kevin presented a PLS Update. Information is being gathered on System mergers with an eye to present to NYLA in 2006. There was a discussion on the Governors NYICE proposal. Many states do not group libraries with schools. There was also a discussion of getting librarians out of competitive civil service.

There was a discussion of Robert Hubsher's proposal regarding E Rate Money.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Florence Brady