

**ORANGE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
DIRECTOR'S MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 2004**

Attendance:

Julie Baxter, Florence Brady, Suzanne Brahm, Doris Callan, Rosemary Cooper, Lynn Coppers, Claudia Depkin, Kevin Gallagher, Amy Gargiulo, Pauline Kehoe, Marilyn McIntosh, Suzanne Skeels, Stephanie Thiel, Muriel Verdibello

Rosemary Cooper called meeting to order at 10:33 A.M. in Goshen, New York.

Treasurer's Report

First check for County monies are all sent. The bank balance is \$3131.44. Voucher for the second installment of County monies has been sent. Suzanne hopes to have second installment monies disbursed by the end of October.

Membership drive letter will be sent in November. Please give a copy to Board members and Friends of the Library members. We need to pull in other people for ideas.

Suzanne Brahm and Lynn Coopers will do an audit of OLA books after today's meeting. They will report to the General Meeting in October.

Finance

A budget was presented (copy attached). This budget was needed for our 501(3)c application. Professional fee is for an account to audit and prepare tax return for 2005. Program line includes costs for the Orange County EXPO, Hudson Valley Parent Exhibition at the Galleria and sponsored programs for the membership.

A fundraising event is necessary. It was suggested that the author James Patterson has ties to the Newburgh community. We would need someone with personal contact to approach Mr. Patterson about a fundraising program that would be open to the public.

Publicity

The Orange County EXPO went well. Three hundred surveys were collected. Results to follow.

Jack Porter from WTBQ, a radio station in Florida, New York called Claudia to sell advertisement space to OLA. Perhaps instead we could ask for time to talk about libraries in Orange County and/or as WTBQ for public service announcements. Marilyn McIntosh, Claudia Depkin and Kevin Gallagher offered to be interviewed.

Tours of Recorded Books studios in New York are available. Museum Village in Monroe will offer free Family Passes to any interested Library.

Claudia is continuing to investigate OLA website formation.

Kevin Gallagher wrote an article for the Hudson Valley magazine, which is now defunct. Perhaps the Times Herald Record or Strauss Newspapers would run the article.

Program Committee

The Circ Roundtable will now be held in April, perhaps combined with Technical Services issues.

Membership

Rosemary Cooper will send out membership drive letters in November. Libraries are encouraged to get Board members and Friends of Library members to join.

Old Business

501(3)c

501(3)c status is not yet final. We have filed for an extension. An application must be filed with the Internal Revenue Service. Linda Hannigan is completing the application and will forward to the IRS. It can take up to two years for processing request, but we will receive a receipt of application and so can operate as a 501(3)c organization.

County Money

Eddie Diana and the Orange County Legislature have been nominated for NYLA Outstanding Advocate award. They are on the short list and will most likely receive the award although this is not yet official. An award ceremony would be held in Orange County.

County monies for 2005 will be \$100,000. Mr. Diana has indicated he will try for an increase for 2006. OLA has requested \$200,000 for 2006.

Rosemary Cooper will create a form letter that Directors can use to send to their legislators. Now is the time to contact Mr. Diana and the Rules Committee for their support. Following that, letters should be sent to all the legislators.

Books for Babies

Washingtonville and Newburgh have started their own pilot “Books for Babies” programs. Statistics from their programs could be used to prove value of this program to legislators for funding.

Joint OLA/LARC Conference

There is not enough time for OLA to combine with LARC on a joint conference this year.

New Business

Nominating and Audit Committees

Kathy LaRocca and Kevin Gallagher will be on a Nominating Committee. Audit Committee is here today to audit OLA books.

PLS Update

Michael Borges is the new NYLA head. Areas of focus for Mr. Borges: Loan forgiveness for librarians who work in needy areas, ongoing training, amendment to allow unspent money to be reallocated and directed to 3Rs or public libraries, more LSTA money to libraries not Division of Library Development operations, listing of specific qualifications for different library specialities by New York Civil Service, and possible merger of systems.

Governor Pataki has proposed moving the Division of Library Development to the Institute of Cultural Education.

ANSER Workstations Options

The new workstation options give libraries the choice to take more responsibility for their own networks. ANSER would be completely funded by library contributions. For many libraries the new options will represent a significant increase for 2005. Many libraries could use more time to get money in their budgets for these increases.

RCLS Board Update

The RCLS budget for 2005 has not yet been voted on. RCLS Board tabled use of the RCLS fund balance for 2005 and 2006. There is an ANSER meeting Monday for more discussion. Monday at 6 P.M. there is a System Services followed by a RCLS Board meeting at 9 P.M.

Three essential RCLS services are: Automation, delivery and Youth Services support. RCLS Board was pleased with the response for the evaluation letters from RCLS library directors of the RCLS Director.

Other

OLA cannot lobby. Individual Directors can.

General Meeting will be held at Middletown Thrall Library on October 13, 2004 from 10 A.M. to 12 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Florence Brady