

**ORANGE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
EXECUTIVE MEETING  
September 14, 2005**

**Attendance:**

Florence Brady, Rosemary Cooper, Claudia Depkin, Suzanne Skeels

**Treasurer's Report**

There will be an audit of the books after the meeting. Current checking balance is \$3131.44. The voucher for next check from Orange County has been submitted. Regarding status of our 501(3)c: We have filed for an extension. Application to Federal Government is being worked on and the paperwork should be finished soon. 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.

OLA cannot lobby. Directors can lobby and this responsibility should be rotated to all Orange County libraries. A letter should be sent to each legislator from the appropriate library Director in his or her district explaining how the money helps with automation costs.

**Finance Committee**

A budget was presented (copy attached). The 2005 budget may be modified.

It was suggested that OLA sponsor an event, e.g. Author Lunch/Brunch as a fundraiser. Perhaps CLOUSC and LARC organizers can offer advise as they have run a similar event.

**Publicity**

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

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 ask WTbQ for public service announcements.

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

**Program**

Circ Roundtable is postponed to April 2005 due to the delay with Horizon migration.

## **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.

## **County Monies for 2005**

Eddie Diana was at the EXPO and Legislative breakfast. He has put \$100,000 in the budget for 2005. The Rules committee meets on October 20, 2004 to approve and send on to the legislature. It would be better to meet legislators at another venue. Letters of support for increase monies should be sent first to the Rules Committee members and then the whole legislature.

## **Books for Babies**

Amy Gargiulo, Chair of CLOUSC, will attend the Director's meeting today to see how CLOUSC can better work with OLA. Amy will also promote OLA membership to CLOUSC members.

Washingtonville and Newburgh have started their own pilot "Books for Babies" programs.

Executive Committee adjourned at 10:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Florence Brady