

**ORANGE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
GENERAL MEETING  
APRIL 21, 2004**

**Attendance:** Susan Babcock, Carol Bezkorowajny, Florence Brady, Doris Callan, Carol Connell, Rosemary Cooper, Lois Delarose, Claudia Depkin, Theresa Dolch, Connie Dorsey, Madelyn Folino, Pauline Kehoe, Martha LaVallee, Rod MacDonald, Marilyn McIntosh, Dorothy Morris, Leslie Myers, Ginny Neidermier, RoseAnn Pomares, Leslie Riley, Diane Loomis, Suzanne Skeels, Pauline Spinard, Catina Strauss, Martha Sullivan, Stephanie Thiel, Patty Velez, Muriel Verdibello

Stephanie Thiel, President at 10:14 A.M. in Walden called the meeting to order. Thanks to Leslie Myers for hosting today. Motion to accept the minutes of the October 8, 2003 meeting made by Pauline Kehoe and seconded by Muriel Verdibello.

**Legislature Committee**

Orange County contract for 2004 has been received, signed and sent back to David Church's office for Edward Diana to sign. We will be receiving \$100,000 this year, a decrease of \$50,000 from 2003. Request for funding for 2005 needs to be sent in June.

Stephanie Thiel sent correspondence to Senators Larkin, Bonacic and Morahan requesting member item initiative in the amount of \$5,000 for the "Books for Babies" program on behalf of CLOUSC (Children's Librarians of Orange, Ulster and Sullivan County). Correspondence was received from Senators Larkin and Bonacic expressing interest. A phone conversation with Senator Morahan's office indicated that a member item form should be submitted.

**By-Laws Committee**

No report.

**Publicity Committee**

Claudia Depkin worked on looking into the feasibility of OLA having its own web page. Claudia received several quotes for a web page of 15-20 pages: A&E in Chester and a company in New Hampshire quoted between \$700 - \$1,000. 4 Eyes in Brooklyn quoted not under \$7,000. Maintenance charges would be extra. Perhaps we could investigate in house talent for this project.

OLA participated in the Orange County Chamber of Commerce EXPO on September 9 and 10, 2003 at Anthony's Pier Nine. Rosemary Cooper reported that the Power Point

presentation that RCLS used for County presentations, needs to be updated, including graphics from member libraries, for the next EXPO in September 2004. President Elect will coordinate the OLA participation in the 2004 EXPO.

OLA also participated in the Hudson Valley Parent 2004 Education and Summer Activity Expo on March 7, 2004, at the Galleria at Crystal Run. Special thanks to all who participated: Randy Enos, Kathy LaRocca, Maureen Jagos, Amy Garguilo, Linda Going, Linda Pedersen, Diana Meaney and Anita Whitehead. Statistical report of event attached. Stephanie sent letter of thanks to all who participated with cc: to Directors.

Theresa Dolch reported on this year's BASH. A trip to the Cloisters Museum in Manhattan is planned for June 9. Cost of trip is \$16. for members and \$36. for non members. Fee includes bus transportation and tour of the museum. Bus will leave from Tuxedo. Flyers are in delivery to all libraries and also emailed.

### **Old Business**

OLA now has general liability insurance policy. The cost is \$230 per year and when we sponsor a function an additional rider is necessary costing \$30 or \$35. Policy is in effect from March 7, 2004 to March 6, 2005.

Not all libraries have sent in their salary schedule. Please have the person responsible complete ASAP and return to Carmela Chase, Tuxedo Park Library.

### **New Business**

A nominating committee consisting of Carol Connell, Kathy LaRocca and Diane Loomis nominated Claudia Depkin for President Elect. No nominations from the floor. Secretary cast ballot for Claudia. Claudia elected as President Elect.

Rosemary announced that the Executive Committee would meet in June to help set direction for the next year. Need to involve membership more is a priority. Membership's ideas need to be addressed. Rosemary will visit with each library and their staff. Other priorities are Legislative work, Chamber of Commerce and CLOUSC. A realistic plan for the coming year needs to be in place.

### **Other Business**

Correspondence has been sent to Ed Diana and Legislature thanking them for their support. OLA needs to be more visible in the political venue and continued education of the legislature is needed.

A majority of the OLA officers' time this year was concentrated on administrative tasks. Hopefully next year there will be more focus on members needs. Carol Bezkorowajny will run a Circulation Roundtable for the fall to discuss migration issues and a workshop for technical services in the spring of 2005.

The Orange County Community Directory (I&R File) needs to be updated. Jerry Kuntz has a procedure for updating but coverage is spotty. Jerry sends a list to each library to update listings in their area. A person needs to be in charge of this in each library. Anita Whitehead will be the follow-up person to call libraries or organizations not updated. Be alert to new clubs or organizations in your community. Information can be updated online. This directory could be a link from a future OLA website. This directory should be publicized in a newspaper article, library newsletters and signs in libraries.

Ruth Bolin suggested a coordinated conference with OLA and LARC. This was done once in the past as a one-day event with 2 programs each in the morning and afternoon. Vendors participate.

LARC gives award to library supporter or librarian and scholarship to student in library school. LARC members include public, school and academic libraries, with committees for Children's librarians, Public librarians, Library Assistants, and Friend's Advocacy.

Thanks from Stephanie for working with this group with special thanks to Carmela Chase. Rosemary thanked Stephanie for all her work as President this year.

### **Treasurer's Report**

OLA currently has \$2,270.30 in its bank account. Deposits are out for the bus and museum BASH. A programming budget is in the works. Through Pauline Kehoe's contact Joy Palazona final work is being done for our 501©3 and 990 form for taxed due by May 15. Our current bank is Walden Savings, which only has branches in Walden and Washingtonville. Suzanne Skeels will investigate a bank with more branches. We currently have 113 members; several are Trustees. Need to work to get more members.

Motion to adjourn at 12:30 P.M. made by Carol Bezkorowajny and seconded by Marilyn McIntosh.

Respectfully submitted,

Florence Brady  
Secretary

