

**ORANGE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING
APRIL 27, 2005**

Attendance:

Jane Acoveno, Florence Brady, Suzanne, Brahm, Rose Emma Calabrese, Doris Callan, Joan Carvajal, Rosemary Cooper, Lynn Coppers, Claudia Depkin, Theresa Dolch, Connie Dorsey, Madelyn Folino, Kevin Gallagher, Pauline Kehoe, Kathy LaRocca, Martha LaVallee, Carol McCrossen, Marilyn McIntosh, Suzanne Skeels, Martha Sullivan, Patricia Velez

Before the meeting a presentation was made by the Orange County Historian, Ted Sly. BOCES culinary students provided refreshments. Chris Farlakas of the Times Herald Record asked about censorship issues in libraries.

Rosemary Cooper called the meeting to order at 10:50 A.M. in Goshen at the Court House. Rosemary thanked everyone for the chance to learn more about Orange County libraries during her year as President of OLA. County money increased by \$10,000. Thanks to Madelyn Folino and the Legislative Committee for their efforts to educate legislators concerning library needs. Thanks to Pauline Kehoe and Linda Hannigan for helping OLA to obtain 501(c)3 status. Thanks to Carol Bezkorowajny and her committee for the successful roundtable. Thanks to Kathy LaRocca and the Nominating Committee. OLA secured money for the Books for Babies program and was active at the EXPO and Fair at the Galleria. Upcoming needs include updating the Powerpoint program and work on the Lyceum program.

Motion to approve the minutes from the General Meeting of October 13, 2004, made by Marilyn McIntosh and seconded by Pauline Kehoe. Correction of the spelling of CLOUSC noted. Minutes approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report

Books are now on Quicken. 990 non-profit form for IRS filed for 2002, 2003 and 2004. Balance in account: \$5,648.24. Suzanne thanked Lynn Coppers and Suzanne Brahm for auditing the books.

Legislative/Advocacy Report

The New York State budget was on time and restored money for libraries. Now is the time to write to Assemblyman and Senators to thank them and to continue educating them concerning libraries.

It is an election year for the Orange County Executive.

Individual libraries should send their newsletters to the Executive and appropriate legislators. Invite them to programs for a photo opportunity and publicity for your library.

Proposed Budget 2005/2006

Finance Committee is working on budgets: \$5,360 for 2005 and \$5,375 for 2006. Money is allocated for work on a website and possible program at the Lyceum.

The Schedule of Hours brochures will be sold at \$10 for 200. We need to deplete the supply and update and reprint. In the future, when OLA has a website the brochures can be a PDF file for printing by libraries as needed.

A written policy is needed on reimbursement of expenses incurred for OLA activities. In the past many people have donated their time, supplies, travel expenses. These costs may be a prohibiting factor for participation by smaller libraries.

Motion to ask for a member item from Senator Larkin for OLA web page development made by Kevin Gallagher and seconded by Martha LaVallee. Motion passed.

Publicity

An OLA logo has been designed and stationary will be printed.

We should be asking Senator Larkin for \$5,000 for website development. We may be able to do updates ourselves to save money.

BASH

This year's BASH is a trip to South Street Seaport Museum on June 1, 2005. Send in checks ASAP.

Old Business

Carol Bezkorowajny from Monroe and her committee ran a successful Circ/Tech Roundtable at RCLS. Sixty people attended including RCLS staff and personnel from 19 libraries. Pictures and article will be sent to the Times Herald Record under OLA auspices. A future Roundtable on Horizon is planned.

All libraries have responded to our membership drive. We now have 138 members. Additional members should be recruited from our patrons, trustees and Friends of the Library groups.

Chuck Thomas hopes to have the annual salary survey finished by the end of May.

Community Resources updates have been made.

New Business

Executive Committee voted to send a gift of \$500 to the Roscoe Library as a token to help them rebuild. Jeffersonville may also need help. RCLS will be consulted to see if support is needed. If so, the donation will be equally divided between Roscoe and Jeffersonville.

A proposed performance by Burlington Taiko at the Lyceum Theater was discussed. This would tie-in with the Summer Reading thyme. Cost could be a combination of support from OLA and member libraries. Kathy LaRocca from Goshen will investigate further; dates available, cost information, interest from member libraries.

Mt. Hope residents interested in forming a new library have been directed to RCLS. Initiatives have been made by Wawayanda residents to contract with Goshen. Maybrook Reading Center has contracted with RCLS for services for many years. RCLS has indicated that they must now take formal steps toward a charter. The Mayor of Maybrook has indicated that they do not want to pay for a library manager, which is a necessity for a charter. RCLS is not inclined to extend their current agreement with Maybrook.

There is a vacancy on the RCLS board for Orange County. Members are encouraged to recommend a suitable interested person to apply.

Election of Officers

Election slate is: Suzanne Skeels – President Elect; Marilyn McIntosh – Treasurer; Florence Brady – Secretary

Secretary casts one vote. Slate is approved.

Marilyn McIntosh thanked Rosemary Cooper for all her hard work this year as President of OLA.

Claudia Depkin listed Rosemary's accomplishments this year: OLA logo, initial work toward a website. Rosemary helped get OLA branded and into the community

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 A.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Florence Brady
Secretary