

**ORANGE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2004**

Attendance:

Jane Acovenno, Suzanne Brahm, Florence Brady, Joan Carvajal, Rosemary Cooper, Lois Delarose, Claudia Depkin, Theresa Dolch, Connie Dorsey, Madelyn Folino, Kevin Gallagher, Kathy LaRocca, Marilyn McIntosh, Susan O'Neill, Rose Ann Pomares, Muriel Verdibello

Rosemary Cooper called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M. in Middletown.

Motion to approve the minutes of the last General Meeting of April 21, 2004 made by Marilyn McIntosh and seconded by Lois Delarose. Minutes approved as written.

Treasurer's Report

As of October 12, 2004 our account has \$53,140.46. Checks for the second installment of County monies will be mailed next week.

Audit Report

The Audit Committee consisting of Suzanne Brahm and Lynn Coppers met with Suzanne Skeels after the last Director's meeting in Goshen. All recording keeping was meticulous.

Legislative/Advocacy

Ed Diana and the Orange County Legislature are the recipients of the NYLA Advocate of Libraries award. The award will be presented at the NYLA dinner this week. Rosemary Cooper will present the award to Ed Diana and the Legislature on November 4, 2004 before the legislative session. Ed Diana will receive an engraved clock and the Legislature will receive a plaque.

OLA requested \$200,000 from Orange County for 2005. However, the amount in the budget is \$110,000 – an increase of \$10,000 from 2004. Madelyn will send an email to directors encouraging them to contact their legislator.

In September a bookmark was mailed to every Orange County legislator along with a ticket to the EXPO. Madelyn will email a copy of the bookmark to each library.

Publicity

The Orange County EXPO went very well. Claudia thanked all those who volunteered and sent books and gift bags.

A short survey was done and had 236 participants: 77% had library cards, 28% had used their library in the past week, 18% in the last month, 29% in the past six months and 28% could not remember when they used the library last. The electronic catalog was used by 45% of those surveyed and the databases by 37%. 82% lived in the RCLS area, 3% outside the state, 12% in Dutchess or Putnam County and 3% in Greenville/Minisink.

The radio station WTBQ may have a program to talk about libraries. Anyone interested in participating should contact Claudia.

Program

The November roundtable is postponed to April 2005 due to the delay in implementing HORIZON software.

Call Carol Berzkorowajny with any other program ideas.

Theresa Dolch reported on the Bash for 2005. Several ideas were discussed:

Bannerman Island - \$40 person, too expensive
Tour of Recorded Books studios in New York – 3 hour tour
South Street Seaport Museum – lots to see and many shops and restaurants
Museum of Moving Image

An email will be sent to the membership for ideas and/or consensus.

Membership

Membership forms will be sent the end of November. Membership fee is still \$15. There were 116 members in 2004 and we hope to increase membership in 2005. Ask Friends of the Library, Trustee's, etc. to join OLA.

Old Business

NYLA Award to Ed Diana and Legislature will be presented on November 4. Press release will be sent and the press will be there.

501(c)3 Status still not complete. Filing with the IRS has not been done as of this summer. We have filed for an extension and Linda Hannigan agreed to get together the necessary paperwork that should be completed and filed by Spring 2005.

Request for County money for 2005 was submitted this summer. Ed Diana raised the amount from 2004 by \$10,000. Diana and David Church are our strongest advocates.

Timing for participating in a joint OLA/LARC conference was not good this year with HORIZON in the works. We can try again next year.

New Business

The following were elected unanimously to a Nominating Committee for a slate of officers at the April 2005 General Meeting: Kathy LaRocca, Kevin Gallagher and Martha LaValle.

CLOUSC has again asked OLA for help for the Education Fair at the Galleria in 2005.

Senator Morahan has given OLA a \$5000 member item for the Baby Book Start program. Amy Gargiulo and Rosemary Cooper will meet to determine disbursement of the gift.

Other

All libraries are reminded to submit updates for the Community Resource Listing.

Muriel Verdibello announced that Chuck Thomas would do the annual salary survey.

Kevin Gallagher suggested that OLA should come up with a candidate to succeed Rose Tobiason on the RCLS Board of Trustees. An active trustee is needed. Trustee must be a resident of Orange County.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Florence Brady
Secretary

