

NCLA-CSD EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
September 15, 2008

In Attendance: Geraldine Farmer-Morrison, Linda Eagan, Kerry Nugent, Bonnie Markel, Anita La Spina, Renee Mc Grath, Janet Scheuering, Jacqueline Mascia, Barbara Buckley

Absent: Betty Charvat, Jennifer Firth, Helen Friedman, Jessikah Chautin

- I. The Meeting was called to order at 9:30am
- II. The minutes were read and corrected, Renee accepted, Linda seconded
- III. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**
September 12, 2008 NCLA board meeting.
Report submitted by Geraldine Farmer-Morrison through email.

The NCLA nominating committee presented a slate of potential officers:
Vice-President / President-Elect: Tom Bazzicalupo
Secretary: Natalie Korsavidis
Treasurer: Marcia Olsen

There was a lengthy discussion on getting new people involved with NCLA, the point being made that we are recycling presidents. How to get directors to support NCLA was discussed at length.

Jan Heinlein spoke about the budget. Apparently some divisions do not give good projections on what the money is being spent for (this does not include CSD and she did receive our budget request). She is looking to develop a form to submit the budget on.

Children's membership is up.

Adrianna Triggani will be the keynote speaker at the Long Island Library Conference. Mention was made of the grassroots effort to get school librarians back into the schools in Washington State. This was profiled in June SLJ.

Intellectual Freedom committee spoke about Sarah Palin banning books. I hope everyone on our committee is aware this is an email hoax. The list of books on this email is lengthy and lists titles that were not even published when she supposedly banned them. I found an explanation on snoopes but it was mentioned at the meeting that Factcheck.org was another place to check.

- IV. **TREASURER'S REPORT:**
The opening balance for July was at \$4,295.93. There were no disbursements. The closing balance was \$4,295.93.
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- V. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
A. **ARCHIVES:** No Report

B. **INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM:** Janet found two articles from *Library Hotline* and *Anton Community Newspapers*. The article from *Library Hotline* speaks about how reading aloud to children will better prepare them for school according to a study conducted. It was also stated that when parents hold a positive attitude toward reading, they are more likely to raise children that will have this same positive attitude which in turn will cause them to read more frequently, helping with developing solid language and literacy skills.

The article from *Anton Community Newspapers* announced that *Martha Speaks* is a new animated PBS show for children along with *Sid the Science Kid*, a show co-produced by Jim Henson the uses comedy to promote science and discovery.

Barbara mentioned an article in the September *School Library Journal* issue that speaks about the connection between programs and visiting the public library and fourth graders who do well on the nationwide English exam.

C. **MEMBERSHIP:** No Report

D. **OUTREACH/RIF:** Anita, Geri, Kathleen (from Westbury), Janet and Teresa went to Henry Schein over the summer and gave out lots of books. All children received a few free books and were able to get a book of their choice.

We have received our RIF grant and will begin the two fall distributions and then one in the spring. The books have been ordered. It was suggested to reinstate a past practice of sending out volunteer letters to all libraries and Barbara will send a letter to each Children Services' Head. The following centers are part of RIF: Freeport, Westbury, Wantagh, Rockville Centre, Hempstead, and Roosevelt. It was agreed to keep the Sure Foundation a part of outreach where Renee, Dee and any other volunteers will visit once a month.

E. **PERSONNEL:** The nominations of next year's Executive Board have been decided and they are as followed:

Jacqueline Mascia: Vice President/President Elect

Todd Schlitt: Recording Secretary

Kerry Nugent: Corresponding Secretary

Bonnie Markt: Treasurer

Gail Goldfarb: Director

As president, Linda will appoint committee chairs and will ask Gail if she will be chair of the Constitution.

Janet will do a flyer and have in sent out by October 5. All votes have to be in by October 20th.

F. **PROGRAMS:** Linda has booked Doug Florian for the annual installation of officers' breakfast. The fee is \$1250. He has requested we have the following books available for purchase: *Comets, Stars, the Moon and Mars, Zoo's Who*, and *Lizards, Frogs and Polliwogs*. Linda will find out the price of each book and if they come in paperback to make a decision of how many to purchase. The breakfast will be at Carlyle on the Green and will be \$15.00 for members and \$25.00 for non-members.

The CSD/YASD joint bowling night will be held on Friday, September 19. Janet will send another email about this program.

We will also be putting together a New Member Packet that will be available to anyone who joins or renews their membership. Anita will look into products at Janway. One suggestion was a portfolio with a calculator or a notebook planner.

G. **PUBLIC RELATIONS:** No Report

H. **MEDIA:** Janet will put the bowling on the ListServ. Janet sent the updated calendar to be put on the website and asked if bowling could be the first thing on there. She is also going to send Save the Date emails about the CSD Breakfast.

I. **NLS:** The Performers' Showcase will be on October 6 at the LICM from 9:00am-3:00pm. You can bring lunch if you want. Barbara mentioned that the Broadway 101for Kids that were at the previous showcase is a wonderful program to have.

Renee has finished the Newsletter through December and is planning the Children's Literature Festival. She is looking for a speaker or maybe a panel of "new voices." If anyone has any suggestions please let her know. Some suggestions given were Gail Carson Levine, Lisa Campbell Ernst, Doreen Cronin and Harry Bliss.

Renee will be conducting a meeting on October 17 titled Youth Services' Office: An Introduction for Children and YA Librarians. This meeting will help people understand what the Nassau Library System has to offer and can do for you such as the available kits, books, meetings etc. The meeting will be broken up into two half's, the first half will deal with Children's and the second Young Adults.

VI. OLD BUSINESS: No Report

VII. NEW BUSINESS: Anita will look into New Membership packets and will call Wanda Bower at Janway.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:25am. Renee made a motion to dismiss and Anita seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacqueline Mascia