

**NCLA-CSD EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 26, 2007**

**In Attendance:** Janet Scheuering, Karen Anderson, Geraldine Farmer-Morrison, Barbara Buckley, Renee McGrath, Linda Eagan, Bonnie Markel, Anita LaSpina, Karen Maletz, Michele Vaccarelli

**Absent:** Helen Friedman, Jessikah Chautin, Betty Charvat, Joanne Van Meter, Jennifer Firth

- I. The meeting was called to order by Janet Scheuering at 9:36 AM.
- II. The minutes were read and corrected. Geri Farmer-Morrison made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Bonnie Markel.
- III. President's Report

Island Trees just celebrated the library's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its charter.

The Academic & Special Libraries Division is hosting a workshop on RSS feeds, Wikis and Blogs at C.W. Post on May 15, 2007.

The Civil Service Committee is working with the Civil Service Commission to tweak the exam and review the scoring matrix for the Director and Assistant Director exam.

The Intellectual Freedom Committee has chosen "A Book That Impacted Freedom" as its essay contest topic.

Brochures asking for nominations for the LDA award have been sent out to NCLA members. The deadline for nominations is March 15, 2007. It was noted that the last two winners were from Suffolk County.

March 13, 2007 is Legislation Day. A special banner has been commissioned for librarians to hold at a 11:30 rally.

Each librarian was asked to ascertain whether or not a librarian could be included in career day in his or her school district.

The archives of the NCLA Newsletter will be available online in the near future. Once the archives are posted, the Newsletter will be provided online.

Ken Bellafiore and Kelly Rechsteiner will be in charge of tickets for the annual NCLA attendance at the Long Island Ducks game. The date this year is Saturday, August 25, 2007, an evening game against the Camden River Sharks.

LILRC's participant pointed out more evidence of the insidious Patriot Act and bemoaned the closing of the EPA libraries.

The Farmingdale Library will host author James McBride on Saturday, April 21, 2007 from 2-4pm. Mr. McBride's book *The Color of Water* was chosen as this year's Long Island Reads selection. David Baldacci, another best selling author, spoke at Farmingdale on February 11, 2007.

Long Island Library Conference: Keynote speaker Susan Isaacs has indicated that she would prefer that a donation be made in her name to the Port Washington Library in lieu of her speaking honorarium. There will be a vendor of books and other materials in Chinese at the conference.

It was requested that all division presidents (or their representatives) bring requests for payments or reimbursements to the monthly NCLA meeting so that Treasurer Lisa Paulo and President Debbie Podolski could sign them immediately.

#### **IV. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Karen Anderson reported that the Division started with a total of \$8,000. After disbursements, the treasury ended with \$7,787.06.

#### **V. Committee Reports**

##### **A. Archives**

At the beginning of each new year (as soon as the new president is sworn in at the annual breakfast, the past president should turn over all the materials, including agendas, flyers, receipts, minutes, pictures, etc. to the new president. The new president should peruse these files and then arrange for them to be sent to the Farmingdale Library (attention: Stu) for filing in the Archives cabinets. If the new president determines, the past president can send them through NLS to Farmingdale.

##### **B. Continuing Education**

No report.

##### **C. Legislation/Grants/Public School Cooperation**

Janet reminded everyone that Legislation Day is coming up and urged everyone to recommend that someone from each library attend. Note was made of the recommendation by the NCLA Board that librarians should work with their school districts to recommend that a librarian be included in Career Days at the schools.

##### **D. Membership**

Linda reported that the flyers about joining CSD had gone out.

##### **E. Outreach**

Anita reported that new paperback books would be ordered for the gift books. The invoice will go directly to Karen Anderson and it will be clearly marked Outreach and Gift Books/NCLA. It is recommended that local libraries, such as Hempstead, might have their children's librarian go to the Head Start Programs or have the children come to the libraries on a regular basis. The gift books will definitely be delivered this spring to all of the Outreach Centers.

##### **F. Personnel Issues/Constitution and By-Laws**

No report

##### **G. Programs**

The next program will be at the Long Island Library Conference. David Adler will not be attending but Johanna Hurwitz and several more authors will be there. More discussion will come under Old Business.

#### **H. Public Relations/Graphic**

It was noted that news of programs was very slow in getting up on the NCLA website because Rocco is so overwhelmed. The pictures from the installation in December were just put up.

#### **I. Public Relations/Media**

Newsletter copy went to Mamie Eng.

#### **J. RIF**

Joanne Van Meter is checking with RIF about the possibility of switching the CSD RIF age group from 5<sup>th</sup> grade to Pre-School so that we could coordinate our Outreach Program with a RIF program. This possibility would not be until the 2008 school year, since RIF has renewed our contract for the 2007 school year. If RIF approves, the Outreach Committee would consider taking on another Head Start program. Karen noted that there is a Head Start program in Port Washington.

#### **K. NLS Report**

Renee noted that there is a monthly meeting of Children's Librarians on Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. This meeting will be devoted to discussing ideas for the Summer Reading Club. Renee noted that she had received posters for the SRC for all of the libraries. Renee noted that Ann Simon had retired as the Children's Services person at the State Library in Albany but that Cassie Ardell was handling some of the grant work. There will be a meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup> for YA librarians to discuss My Space and other Social Networking sites. Linda Braun will be attending. Renee asked whether children's librarians might be interested in attending and received a positive response.

#### **VI. Old Business**

The Children's Services Division has been given the 8AM slot at the Long Island Library Conference and has been assigned to the Terrace Room. Lawrence Pringle, Jane Breskin Zalbin, Johanna Hurwitz, Eve Feldman and Bernard Waber will be attending. It was decided that a local distributor/retailer would be contacted about supplying the books by the authors and that this distributor/retailer would be responsible for selling the books and collecting the money. Janet said that she would e-mail the entire board the meeting dates for the NCLA meetings and encouraged everyone who can attend to do so. There was a discussion of a spring trip to Scholastic Headquarters. Renee has talked with John Mason of Scholastic about approving a group of children's librarians to go as a group to the Fall Preview, held in the Spring. The New York State 3 Apples Book Award went to **Charlotte's Web**. Renee encouraged libraries to recognize the award (which is actually voted by kids) with celebrations.

#### **VII. Adjournment**

A motion for adjournment was made by Geraldine Farmer-Morrison and seconded by Linda Eagan. Janet adjourned the meeting at 11:16AM