

NCLA-CSD EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

MAY 21st 2007

In Attendance: Janet Scheuering, Karen Anderson, Helen Friedman, Geraldine Farmer-Morrison, Joanne Van Meter, Linda Eagan, Bonnie Markel, Renee McGrath, Jessikah Chautin

Absent: Karen Maletz, Jennifer Firth

- I. The meeting was called to order by Janet Scheuering at 9:41 am
- II. The minutes were read and corrected: Geraldine made a motion to approve the corrected minutes, Renee McGrath and Karen Anderson seconded.
- III. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** : Media: The Media Division is planning a trip to BBC audiobooks on a Tuesday in September.
RASD: RASD did a survey which indicated that attendees of most conferences like handouts. On Wednesday, May 30th they are having a 'keep your reference collection current' workshop, and on June 13th a gardening resources workshop in Merrick.
YASD: The YA meeting is on June 7th at Dave and Buster's the topic will be alternative programs for YAs.
Civil Service: Civil service is working on developing a Librarian III title for Collection Development. Currently Librarian III only exists as a Department Head title.
Finance: The budget request for the finance department is due on Friday, June 15. It can be faxed to Chris Marra at the Uniondale Public Library: 489-4005 or emailed: cmarra@uniondalelibrary.org. Call her with any questions.
Intellectual Freedom: The winners of the essay contest were announced. We should look into 'In Doctrinate U' a documentary about censorship on college campuses. Also, DIGG.com which helps users circumvent DVD encryption Codes to copy copyrighted material. The FCC wants to regulate contents of T.V. because they have realized that watching violence begets violence in children.
Legislation: September there is a legislative breakfast. CSEA picture was taken with our banner during Library Lobby day in March. In the future CSEA should encourage libraries to send 2 people.
Membership: 860 members in NCLA. There are 134 members in CSD which is up from our previous 121.
NCLA Promotions: Recently librarians attended Hempstead High School and Mineola high School Career Days. If you know of a career day get involved!
NCLA dinner: Wednesday, January 9, 2008@ Pompeii in West Hempstead.
L.I. Ducks Game: Saturday, August 25 @7:05pm
Tech Services: June program about the changing bindery industry and digitization.
Webpage: newsletter archives are up on the website the pictures are in color!
There is also an RSS feed for the calendar.
LILRC: July 17th @ the Lindenhurst library there is a panel speaking about current issues and labor negotiations.
Directors: Joan Kelleher of Malverne is retiring Stephanie Stanton (formerly of Williston Park) is taking over. Newsday is doing a special about 'library districts' and the word is consolidation. They are in the gathering information stage, directors are sending payrolls and names to Newsday. The article should come out in September.

NYLA: nomination for officers, no one from Long Island. You need a petition with 30 signatures, encourage librarians to run for office! As a member of NYLA, you can take a Web Junction course ('training on the go') for 50.00 online.

Poet Laureate of Nassau County should be announced by June. There are 14 applicants and 6 finalists.

L.I. Reads: All tickets were given away for James McBride, NLS did a wonderful job of getting tickets to people. 290 people were in attendance and books were sold at a 20% discount. Starbucks donated coffee, but, more needed to be purchased.

Janet suggested we do evaluation sheets for our LILC programs next year and ask attendees what types of programs they wish to see in the future.

- IV. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** We have a balance of \$7935.85. We made \$305 off of the raffles, and that is with the reimbursements for half of the raffle receipts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. **ARCHIVES:** Jessikah met with Stu. Any materials for the archives can be sent to Jessikah to be sent to Stu. The Archives currently has no finding tool for their holdings, but that is something which is being worked on.

B. **INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM:** *The Baltimore Sun* reported that *The Chocolate War*, has been removed from the curriculum at a school district in Harford County Maryland. The book was removed due to numerous complaints from parents about sexual content and vulgar language. This is the first time a book has been removed from this district's curriculum. In response to this, the public library added 51 new copies of the book to their shelves. May's issue of *School Library Journal*, included an article about Geri Ellner, the High School Librarian at Far Rockaway High School, who won an award for turning the library around. Tone program which is now being used in the school system in New York City's "Lyfe Program" in which young mothers can earn their GED while their infants are in the building. Geri's contribution is that she reads to children while their parents study. Geri also formed a program with the local library to help children get public library cards.

Suffolk and Nassau Counties have begun providing WiFi access across the counties. Chris Raschka's new book, *The Purple Balloon* got great reviews.

C. **MEMBERSHIP:** We are at 134 people. That is up 13 from April, but down 12 from last year.

D. **OUTREACH:** No report.

E. **PERSONNEL:** No report.

F. **PROGRAMS:** Geri has not contacted the Bierkos since last time. Geri will be at Book Expo. She spoke with Jeff Metz from recorded books. They can send a narrator to speak at one of our programs, but we would need to guarantee 40 librarians will attend. Scholastic has cancelled all of their previews from now on. There is no official work on a Spring Trip, though Janet considered a Full Moon Kayak, which leaves from Empire Kayaks in Island Park and goes to Jordan's Lobster for dinner. The next available trip is May 30th, though that may be too soon, Janet will consider June 27th as well.

G. **PUBLIC RELATIONS:** No report

H. **MEDIA:** Janet gave Karen pictures from LILC and she is writing an article about it. Janet spoke to Teresa about the Henry Schein Foundation August 29th in the evening. Anyone who speaks Spanish is greatly needed. They would like YA librarians to help out at this time.

- I. **RIF:** RIF has received its approval for the next fiscal year, Spring of '07, one visit, Fall of '07, two visits. There have been a few problems. Scholastic made an error when they assigned account numbers to the participating libraries. Six of the libraries were given one RIF number, but three were mistakenly given school account numbers instead of being a part of the one RIF account. Because of this, Seaford and Freeport, have received non-payment notices and this affected our financing with RIF in Washington. In addition to this, East Meadow's matching check of \$31.32 was applied to the Seaford account. Additional forms had to be filled out to correct this.

Our RIF contact, Lauren Crisler, has since recommended to her superior that we be put on probation because, she feels that we have given too much money. It was later discovered that Luz, in the financing department had combined two of our account numbers. We are attempting to get in touch with her superiors to let them know that probation is not an acceptable option.

Next year, RIF will service Head Start Centers. Farmingdale, Freeport and Elmont Libraries would like their community Head Starts serviced. It was decided that we will only service Farmingdale, Freeport and Elmont Headstarts through RIF and keep Outreach separate. Anyone who wishes to be involved in this is welcome.

- J. **NLS:** Both sessions for the Ellison die program are full. Some people had to be turned away. There is a June 4th meeting during which, Facts on File will give a demonstration of their 2nd-8th grade databases. The book giveaway is June 12th. There is a 15 book limit per department this year. It will start at 10am.

Work continues on the Children's Literature Conference which is slated to be held on Friday, November 2nd, at the Coral House in Baldwin. The new name for this even is, "Lit Fest". Jacqueline Woodson and Laura Vaccaro Seeger will be the Keynote speakers. The Performers Showcase is October 1st and it is filling up fast.

- V. **OLD BUSINESS** : June 12th, 6-8pm, the Bristol is having a program about, "When to take the keys away", it will be presented by an M.D..
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS** : The meeting for next month has been moved from June 18th, to June 11th.
- VII. **ADJOURNMENT:** Janet made a motion to adjourn at 11:30am.

Respectfully Submitted, Jessikah Chautin