

NCLA-CSD EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
June 11th 2007

In Attendance: Janet Scheuering, Karen Anderson, Jessikah Chautin, Helen Friedman, Betty Charvat, Bonnie Markel, Anita La Spina, Joanne Van Meter, Karen Maletz

Absent: Geraldine Farmer-Morrison, Jennifer Firth .

- I. **The Meeting was called to order at 9:40pm**
- II. **The minutes were read and corrected. Janet made a motion to approve the minutes, Joanne seconded.**
- III. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Media Services – Digitization Workshop @ NLS: Tuesday, June 19th from 9:30-12pm. Tuesday, September 18 trip to NYC to visit BBC Audio/Editing studio, limit of 25 people and free lunch.

Reference/Adult Services – The division had a successful program about keeping your reference collection (what to do with Pluto books? and be sure to keep local history books). They are planning a 'Keeping your circulating collection current' event for October.

Intellectual Freedom – Poet Laureate scandal. Paula Comacho will be awarding Maxwell Corydon Wheat, Jr. with the first ever Poet Laureate of Nassau County on June 29 in Roslyn. NCLA is considering sending a letter to both her and Wayne Wink, Roslyn legislator, in support of their willingness to support Wheat, despite the political agenda against his nomination because of one poem having an anti-war theme.

Legislation – write to your legislator to encourage him/her to attend the Legislative Breakfast on September 7 at the East Meadow Public Library.

LILC – tentative 2 year contract with Crest Hollow for May 8, 2008 and May 7, 2009. Raising vendor table price to 550.00. New possible changes are having 2 lunch sessions and shortening the original lunch session. July 1 is the deadline for reimbursement for up to 250.00 for speaker hotels, transportation, etc... for divisions or committees that did not have money in their budget for those types of miscellaneous items.

Membership – 917 NCLA members; 156 CSD members. Maybe in future, CSD can pay membership fee for speakers?

Newsletter – should be out in mid-June

Recruitments & Scholarship – There are 5 applicants for the Education Grant.

Tech Services – June 27th @ Uniondale Library there will be a binderies and digitization program.

LILRC – will host a program about negotiating contracts on July 17 and it is not just for directors and is not just for libraries currently in contract negotiations; Lindenhurst Public Library from 9:30-12:30. They will also host a cemetery tour as well.

Member Library Directors – Marshall B. is retired from Valley Stream, Stefani Stanton has started in Malverne, and Williston Park position is still empty.

NLS has \$14 million in construction grants and the deadline is August 3rd for libraries to apply. The catch is that any amount over \$10,000 needs to be approved by State Ed. which takes weeks for approval. Newsday had all of our library information and Suozzi just did a press conference/article in which he mentioned library consolidation.

- IV. **Treasurer's Report:** We discussed the budget for next year. There was a mistake in the treasurer's report for last meeting. It was thought that the income from our

raffles goes back to us, whereas it actually goes back into the general NLS pool. The actual balance

V. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. **ARCHIVES:** No report

B. **INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM:**

According to the School Library Journal the book *Rainbow Boys*, By Alex Sanchez has been placed back on the Summer Reading List after being challenged for the use of sexually explicit content. The book (which features homosexual characters) was examined for a year by the Webster Central School District in New York. The superintendent of the Webster School District pulled the book aside to review it not because of the aspects of homosexuality, but due to the "sexually explicit" text. Later, numerous rumors began flying about why the book was "banned". One of the issues with the original system was that many people felt the general reading list for the high school was one lost for 9th graders through 12th graders.

It was resolved that a committee would be formed with the purpose to review summer reading books and place them on a list according to the "maturity and reading levels" of the book. *Rainbow Boys* was placed back on the reading list as a book on a more mature level.

Greenville South Carolina has terminated their YA summer reading program; "YNK; You Never Know" because some of the suggested books for the program included themes such as tarot cards. This did not sit well with many in the community and therefore the entire program has been cancelled.

C. **MEMBERSHIP:** No report.

D. **OUTREACH:** Anita is visiting Rockville Centre.

E. **PERSONNEL:** No Report.

F. **PROGRAMS:** We discussed the idea of having either audio books or Brian Selznick as the guest for our installation meeting. The performer's showcase is October 1st.

G. **PUBLIC RELATIONS:** No report.

H. **MEDIA:** The article for the next newsletter is due on July 6th 2007.

I. **RIF:** We have yet to hear anything from Washington on the status of our grant. We do not know, at this time if we are still on probation. Many librarians are currently committed to working with RIF. Elmont Public Library does not have a Head start program so we cannot service them under our new guidelines. Westbury Public Library would like to be serviced, as they do have a head start program. Farmingdale Public Library's Headstart has 39 children at present and Freeport's 60 children. Combined with Westbury this gives us a total of 183 children. In the past we serviced 8 or 9 libraries and over 360 children. We will therefore strive to service Hempstead and Roosevelt as well.

J. **NLS:** The newsletter notes went out on July 11th. ALA is coming up soon. The Book giveaway is occurring on June 12th. Representatives from Barnes and Noble spoke at the YA book Luncheon. Once again, the performer's showcase will be on October 1st 2007 from 9am to 3pm. Renee is working on September's meeting to talk about serving children with disabilities, especially those on the autism spectrum.

- VI. **OLD BUSINESS:** The information about the Henry Schein foundation will be in the upcoming newsletter. The Children's Literature Festival will be in November this year.
- VII. **NEW BUSINESS:** We need to begin to put together a nominating committee for next year's board. Janet, as president, will need to appoint a Chairperson of the Nominating committee with the approval of the Executive Board. Michele Vaccarelli was mentioned as a possible Chairperson. In addition to this, the constitution states that we must submit eight names of librarians (whom are members in good standing) to the Chairperson of which four will be chosen to serve on the nominating committee. Two of these members should be from general membership, while the other two should be serving on the current board.
- VIII. **ADJOURNMENT :** The meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessikah Chautin