

NCLA-CSD EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

February 25, 2008

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

Absent: Betty Charvat, Helen Friedman, Karen Maletz

- I. The Meeting was called to order at 9:40am
- II. The minutes were read and corrected, Linda accepted, Jessikah seconded

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Report submitted by Geraldine Farmer-Morrison at February 25, 2008 CSD board meeting

Discussion of Library Legislation day on March 11th took a large part of the meeting. There will be two buses leaving at 6:45am from NLS and Christopher Morley Park. There will be a bus leaving the day before on March 10th. The first pickup will be at 10:00am and the cost is \$76.00 round trip. This enables directors to attend the dinner the night before. Cost of the hotel is approximately \$139.00 and dinner \$100.00. This day before bus is open to all, not just directors. By taking this bus you will be able to go to the briefing brunch. Arthur pointed out that is why the same day bus hand out packets and such because they miss this briefing. For those wanting to drive Arthur Friedman pointed out that the new federal reimbursement rate is 50 ½ cents a mile.

Carolyn reported on a request to sponsor the day before bus and after discussion it was voted to contribute \$1000.00 toward this trip.

For those going to library legislation day, the two important questions to know are what does money do for your library and what does money do for your system. Elizabeth Olesh pointed out that NLS is very much dependent on state funding.

Computers and technology chairperson is looking to step down.

Finance is starting to prepare budgets for 2009.

There are 420 members as of the date of this meeting. Labels should be arriving one week after a request is made. A final roster for 2007 was distributed as well as the current 2008 roster. I have them in case we need them.

LILRC report said a new medical school is being established between Hofstra and North Shore University Hospital. Also, a 6 month schedule of classes through LILRC has been sent out and is available on their website www.lilrc.org

Recruitment and Scholarship needed one new member because they want to have an odd number on the committee in order not to be deadlock. I spoke to Trina and volunteered.

Farmingdale Public Library is printing coupons for institutional membership.

Matthew Bollerman is the NYLA liaison with Long Island

SCLA reports statistical survey on their website supersedes previously previous print copies

Long Island Reads has a presence on Facebook

The Annual Media Roundtable will be held on February 26 at NLS

The Civil Service Exam (RASD) will be held on March 5 at NLS

The YA trip to Grasshopper Comics is on March 7th

IV. **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The balance remains at \$8000.00. There have been no transactions.

V. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. **ARCHIVES:** As the new secretary Jackie Mascia will take care of archives. She has spoken to Stu and will send everything at the end of the year.

B. **CONTINUING EDUCATION AND INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM:**

Legislation day is coming up on March 11. Dr. Arthur Friedman wants to remind librarians that we are lobbying for libraries

Robie Harris' book It's Perfectly Normal has been under censorship by a woman in the state of Maine. She stole the book from the shelf of the library and has been charged with theft. She has offered to pay the library for the lost book but the library wants the book back. It was discussed that one way to overcome censorship is for libraries to celebrate and embrace Banned Book Week.

C. **MEMBERSHIP:** Kerry has the membership list dated November 2007, Geri has the more recent list and will give it to Kerry.

D. **OUTREACH:** The third and final RIF distribution for the year will take place in the Spring.

E. **PERSONNEL CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS:** The constitution was looked at and it was decided that Article IV Section 1 of the constitution and the By Laws, section 4 under committees contradict each other. Since the by-laws reflect the actual function of what the division does, the by-laws will be followed and supersede the constitution. Therefore, there is no mistake in the constitution but, since the contradiction can be confusing, it can be changed if needed. One suggestion is by adding it to the by-laws a statement saying the by-laws supersede the constitution. Jennifer is going to look into the original intention.

F. **PROGRAMS:** The LILC is all set up. We will be unable to test the technology before the conference so Robie Harris will be asked to bring her own computer as back-up. There is still discussion about book sales since renting a table is too expensive. Barbara and Bonnie have agreed to take care of book sales and are accepting the delivery of the books at their libraries. It was decided that the paperback editions of books would produce a greater sale.

A consideration for the Spring Trip is the Nassau County Museum of Art in Roslyn to visit the "Walter Wick: Games, Gizmos and Toys in the Attic" exhibit. A possible date is March 28 since Walter Wick will be doing a book signing the following day we are hoping he can accompany us on the trip and we will offer to pay for his hotel room

We need to send out "Save the Date" flyers or postcards for LILC. Renee offered to put a posting on the ListServ in addition to sending out flyers.

PUBLIC RELATIONS/GRAPHICS: Janet has inquired if the CSD minutes can be put onto the NCLA website. Since the minutes are public, they will now be accessible through the web. It was also suggested to mention current membership on the web each time the information is updated.

There will be a link to the LILC on the website along with a link to Robie Harris' homepage. There will also be mention of the Spring Trip on the web.

G. PUBLIC RELATIONS /MEDIA: No report

H. RIF: There is an increasing problem with the funding of RIF. There is a possibility that all of RIF funding or distribution of free material will be cut for the 2009 budget. The grant form for 2008-2009 is in and waiting approval but should not be affected by the proposed budget cuts. Libraries around the country need to start fighting for RIF and Renee will forward emails received on this issue to the ListServ.

The RIF books will now be sent to Oceanside library in order to keep the ease of having one invoice.

I. NLS: The monthly Children's meeting will be held on Monday, March 3 and will discuss summer reading club ideas.

The "Bridges Out of Poverty" meeting on March 18 from 9:30am-4:00pm is highly recommended for all directors along with any other possible staff members.

The "Transforming Your Library" meeting on March 4th has been cancelled. There is no rescheduled date yet.

The YSS Spring Conference is on April 11th in Melville.

Renee is looking for volunteers for the March 31st "Best of" meeting at NLS.

VI. OLD BUSINESS: No Report

VII. NEW BUSINESS: Congratulations to Linda on her new grandson!

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:50am. Bonnie made a motion to dismiss and Jennifer seconded.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Jacqueline Mascia**