

NCLA-CSD EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

April 14, 2008

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

Absent: Jennifer Firth

- I. The Meeting was called to order at 9:37am
- II. The minutes were read and corrected, Linda accepted, Geri seconded
- III. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** No Report
- IV. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** The opening balance was \$8000. The disbursements are as followed: a \$100.00 request for petty cash, a \$42.00 request from Kerry Nugent for stamps & supplies for mailing, a \$46.98 request from Linda Eagan for stamps & paper and a \$210.00 withdrawal for bowling. There was no income. The closing balance for the month of March is \$7,601.02
- V. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - A. **ARCHIVES:** No Report
 - B. **INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM:** JoAn Karkos checked out Robie Harris' book *It's Perfectly Normal*. from two libraries in Maine and refused to return them so she could keep them out of the hands of children. She sent the library a check to pay for the books but the library refused to accept the payment and charged her with theft. Her trial is set for May 28th for a civil charge of failing to return library property. She said the book is pornographic, traumatizes children and encourages sexual activity. JoAn believes that there is a conspiracy among national groups aimed at controlling children. She tried to get local police to cite the library for violating obscenity ordinances but following an investigation the police declined to press charges.
 - C. **MEMBERSHIP:** General membership is up since January with 282 members. The Children's Services Division membership has also increased by 42 members since February 2008. CSD has 116 current members, up from last year.

There will be an updated membership form on the LILC table and as a new member incentive each new member will receive a free raffle ticket.
 - D. **OUTREACH:** Karen Maletz has agreed to do outreach in the Spring or when needed. The final Spring distribution of RIF will be taking place soon.
 - E. **PERSONNEL CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS:** Jennifer has looked into the constitution and she believes that the by-laws do superseded the constitution. We are still waiting on a possible revision of the constitution.
 - F. **PROGRAMS:** The Spring Trip is booked for the Walter Wick Exhibit at the Nassau County Museum of Art on April 23 and registration has begun. It is \$5.00 for NCLA members and \$15.00 for non-members. The Shelter Rock Public Library will supply the coffee and we will supply the food portion of breakfast. It was agreed that someone can just go to the museum but must still pay the fee.

LILC: We will have one table at the LILC with the banner, raffle tickets (1 for a \$1.00, 6 for \$5.00), books for sale and membership forms. Bonnie and Helen will be in charge of book sales and will bring signs for prices, calculators, cash box, autographing slips and receipt book. Renee will supply the postal boxes.

There will be new membership forms and as an incentive to join the CSD we will give a free raffle ticket upon registration.

There will either be a binder, poster board on an easel or a digital picture frame to display our past programs and encourage membership.

G. PUBLIC RELATIONS/GRAPHICS: No Report

H. PUBLIC RELATIONS/MEDIA: Janet is continually working on keeping the website current. It was decided to leave Robie Harris on the website since the Walter Wick Exhibit has had so much press.

I. RIF: The check for RIF should have been sent directly to RIF but instead got sent to Scholastic. Scholastic has been looking for this check since January and it still has not been found. This check will be cancelled and a new one issued, but this time it will go directly to RIF. After this is settled the grant will be completed and we will be able to proceed. There has been lobbying for RIF and there has been no word of any cancelation of programs or a decrease in funding.

J. NLS: The Book Give-a-Way will take place on May 20th. There is a limit of 15 books per department. You must bring your own carton. Renee has received the board books from Starr LaTronica from Four County Library System and will distribute those as soon as she can. YSS Spring Conference was a success with 230 participants and all workshops filled. The monthly Children's meeting will be held on June 2nd and will discuss Letter Boxing along with New Book Reviews. On April 7th the letters went out to the school principals asking them to opt into the Newsday Summer Newspaper Supplement. It was suggested to call your school to encourage them to opt into this program.

VI. OLD BUSINESS: No Report

VII. NEW BUSINESS: The Letterboxing workshop done at the YSS Spring Conference was well received. Renee recommends going to www.letteringboxing.org to learn more about this. A brief description of letter boxing is the library uses a book or video cassette to put a little spiral notebook, stamp (unique to their library), stamp pad and clues into. Children and adults then go around to libraries and try to find this box. When found they stamp their own notebook with the library stamp along with stamping the library book with their own personal stamp. Letter Boxing can also be made into a craft program where you have the children make their own notebooks and stamps.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:04am. Renee made a motion to dismiss and Anita seconded.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Jacqueline Mascia**