

NCLA-CSD EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

May 12, 2008

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

Absent: Anita La Spina, Janet Scheuering, Jennifer Firth

- I. The Meeting was called to order at 9:32am
- II. The minutes were read and corrected, Betty accepted, Barbara seconded

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Respectfully-submitted by Geraldine Farmer-Morrison

NCLA Meeting on May 9, 2008

The 2008 directory has been published. It should be on your desk by Monday at the latest. The directory is sent to the 2007 membership list. Home addressed were being sent out Friday. The directory sells for \$74.95 to nonmembers and at the LILC it goes for \$30 for conference attendees. Arthur would like to revisit the prices when the finance committee meets this summer because the price of a table has risen to \$550 a table.

Legislation- NYLA is working on several non-money issues: bonding issues for library construction; book sales.

LILC- Lunch and Learn was believed to be successful. There was some discussion about the noise level at some groups.

The LDA Award went to Florence Denny, assistant director at SCLS

Membership- The CSD membership currently stands at 152 members. Arthur wanted to remind everyone that mailing is going up Monday, May 12. Arthur also pointed out that NCLA is the 6th or 7th largest library association in the United States.

There is a new NCLA committee forming to address personnel concerns that should be up and running by the Fall.

The Ducks game flyer will go out in June. The date for the game will be Saturday, September 13, 2008. They selected the game that had the Gucci fireworks. Prices should be \$12.50 a ticket.

LILRC may have to vacate their premises at SUNY Stony Brook because of SUNY's space requirements. Notice is going out to libraries to remind them to update their holdings on the Long Island Union List of Serials. It is believed some libraries are not updating holdings, especially when a serial has been discontinued or discarded.

Suffolk County Library System will have library tours of the libraries out east in June. In the fall, they are planning a workshop on space planning.

New Business: A joint SCLA/NCLA meeting is being explored. Arthur pointed out that the LILC is a joint SCLA/NCLA venture.

It was pointed out that the NCLA website now has the Request for Payment/Record of Income on it.

Someone asked whether off-hour meetings would be more convenient for members.

Fairly quickly, this segued into a discussion about support from Library Directors for NCLA involvement. This was thought to be the most relevant factor. Several of the directors in attendance said they would pursue this at Member Library Directors meeting.

IV. **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The opening balance is \$7,601.02. The disbursements are as followed

Stamps for mailing- Kerry Nugent	\$41.00
Robie Harris Speaker fee	\$1800.00
Books for LILC-Random House	\$584.58
Books for LILC-Scholastic	\$230.26
Books for LILC-Scholastic	\$9.59
Raffle Basket Books-Jessikah Chautin	\$62.06
Miss Spider Books-Outreach	\$80.00

There was no income for the month of April. The closing balance is \$4,793.53.

V. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. **ARCHIVES:** Geri will send the pictures she has from the LILC to Stu for archives. Jackie will get the pictures from the Walter Wick trip and send those to the archives as well.

B. **INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM:** The book *And Tango Makes Three* is the most challenged book in public schools and libraries for the second straight year according to the American Library Association. The reason for this challenge is that people are afraid young children are going to see homosexuality as an acceptable lifestyle and the people complaining about this book do not believe it is. The number of reported library challenges has dropped from 546 in 2006 to 420 in 2007 which is lower than the mid-1990's when the complaints reached 750, although it is believed that for every challenge listed about four or five go unreported.

The Library of Congress has created the "Historic Baseball Resources" which features multimedia offerings from the library's vast collection including rare images of early games and the original sheet music to "Take Me Out to the Ball Game." There are also education tools found on this website such as lesson plans about Jackie Robinson. Anyone who is interested in baseball or doing something at their libraries should check this site out. It was suggested to also look at ALA's "Step up to the Plate" program to coincide with the summer reading club.

The Library of Congress is also promoting "get a library card." Renee will send the article out on the listserv.

C. **MEMBERSHIP:** No Report

D. **OUTREACH:** Outreach is buying 10 copies of *Mail Harry to the Moon* which was left over from the LILC. It was discussed that one reason for doing outreach is to model a storytime for the teachers to then re-create for their children. The service for outreach is being done through RIF.

E. **PERSONNEL:** No Report

F. **PROGRAMS:** The Spring Trip to the Walter Wick Exhibit at the Nassau County Museum of Art was a success. Linda sent a thank you letter to the director of education who was great.

Linda is beginning to look for a speaker for the CSD Annual Installation of Officers Breakfast. She has contacted Doug Florian and is waiting for a response back. She is asking for any other suggestions.

G. **PUBLIC RELATIONS:** No Report

H. MEDIA: No Report

I. RIF: We received the grant from RIF. This grant is the same as last year. There will be three distributions beginning in September and ending in June. The four head start centers that are serviced by RIF are Rockville Centre, Hempstead, Wantagh and the Sure Foundation. With the visit each child will receive a book. They are looking for volunteers to help with the program.

There was a discussion of maybe servicing some centers on the North Shore such as Glen Cove or Manhasset.

J. NLS: Renee will be looking into if she can sell the extra copies of *Mail Harry to the Moon* through the listserv.

A reminder that the book give-a-way is on May 20th and Renee believes the give-a-way will be able to go on longer since there is a limit of 15 books per department.

There is a good sign-up for the June Letterboxing meeting. Renee asks that you read the email she sent out on letterboxing to get an idea of what it is before coming to the meeting.

Renee and Marie Orlando have met with Newsday and the Summer Reading Club newspaper supplement seems to be a go. There will be 100,000 copies printed and each public library will get between 100-200 copies.

They are trying to get the option to opt into this program on their website so school principals can opt into this by registering online. The supplements should be going out the first week of June. Renee will send out the list of books that will be included in the supplement as soon as the letter of agreement is signed.

VI. OLD BUSINESS: For next year's LILC the books for sale should be brought to the room where the author is speaking. If possible, we should also request a table in the room to put the books on. There was a problem with our program starting late; therefore when it was over everyone was gone.

VII. NEW BUSINESS: Some schools are beginning this new reading program called Fountas & Pinnell which works on using letters to signify the child's reading level. There have been some problems with patrons coming in looking for books to coincide with these levels but the public libraries do not have any information about these levels. Barbara will send any library that is interested the website that has all the information. This sparked a discussion about how even the publishers have different ways to determine the levels of their beginning reader books. Public Librarians will have to work together with the schools to help parents find the appropriate books for their children.

There needs to be a Nominating Committee established for next year's CSD Executive Board. Jessikah has agreed to be on it with Geri. We also need two people from general membership as well. Geri will ask Janet if she would be interested in being on the committee again. The list from the program "I'm New What do I do?" will be used to get some new names. The open positions are: Vice-President, President-Elect, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and one director.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:09am. Linda made a motion to dismiss and Helen seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacqueline Mascia