

NCLA-CSD EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
October 20, 2008

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

Absent: Bonnie Markel, Jennifer Firth

- I. The Meeting was called to order at 9:33am
- II. The minutes were read and corrected, Renee accepted, Geri seconded
- III. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**
October 10, 2008 NCLA board meeting.
Report submitted by Geraldine Farmer-Morrison at October 20, 2008 CSD Board Meeting.

The NCLA meeting was reported to Geri by Cathy Loechner, YA Division President.

The budget will be voted on at the next NCLA board meeting.

\$13,000 was raised from golf outing in Nassau County
\$10,000 was raised from golf outing in Suffolk County.
The money raised will go to the advocacy P.A.C

NCLA membership stands at 961

Long Island Library Conference generated \$1300 of income.

The annual NCLA dinner will be on January 8th from 5:30pm to 10pm for a cost of \$40 at The Pompeii in West Hempstead.

The new director of Garden City is Margaret Cincotta.

- IV. **TREASURER'S REPORT:**
The opening balance was \$4,295.93. The disbursements were \$42.51 for Stamps for mailings (Bowling Flyer) from Kerry Nugent. The closing balance was \$4,253.42.

- V. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - A. **ARCHIVES:** No Report

- B. **INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM:** From *School Library Journal* online: Singer Reba McEntire paired up with the PBS' Reading Rockets (www.readingrockets.org) to host a new show about making the most of a child's years before entering school. The newest episode of the Reading Rockets is titled "Toddling Toward Reading" which looks at how educators can help families get children ready to read before school. This program will focus on **Reach Out and Read**, which is a nation health initiative that incorporates literacy development into well-baby pediatric visits. This show will also be available for online viewing on the website.

A follow-up article to the Robie Harris book *It's Perfectly Normal* taken out from a Maine library by JoAn Karkos was found in *Library Hotline*. The city did not pursue further punishment. Karkos had to pay a \$100 fine and was banned from the library. JoAn Karkos stated that she was shocked that public libraries are exempt from obscenity laws but the director from the library said that one person does not have the power to keep a book from an entire community.

- C. **MEMBERSHIP:** No Report

- D. **OUTREACH/RIF:** A list was handed out to all the Head Start centers with the name of the director, the address, the phone number, number of children and librarian in charge of each center. Barbara will be doing the first visit to Roosevelt and Geri will be doing the second.

Barbara recently went to Hempstead and wanted to compliment them on a great job! She enjoys going there very much.

All books are in house and Barbara is in the process of giving the books out to each librarian to keep at their home library.

Barbara commented on the new electronic ordering system Scholastic has and how much easier it has been to order the RIF books.

A box of hard covered books are being sent to Long Beach for them to do their monthly visits.

Anita had her head start come to the library during Fire Safety month and had a very positive experience with Fire Fighters coming as well and each child receiving a book.

Barbara sent out the volunteer letters and has been getting a great response from librarians interested in participating in outreach.

- E. **PERSONNEL:** No Report

- F. **PROGRAMS:** Bowling was a great success with 26 people attending. The picture will be in the newsletter.

Linda has received a confirmation email from Doug Florian for the annual installation of officers' breakfast. She has ordered the books from Harper Collins. She could not get any in paperback but will be getting 15 copies of *Comets, Stars, the Moon and Mars*, 10 or 15 copies of *Zoo's Who*, and *Lizards, Frogs and Polliwogs*.

Renee announced the LILC conference theme for next year is Go Green@Your Library. The conference will be Thursday, May 7th. There will be online registration for this environmentally friendly theme.

Renee went to Random house and met with Dan Gutman's editor and he recently edited a book titled Recycle This Book: 100 Top Children Book Authors' Show You How to Go Green. Renee suggested maybe having him come speak at the conference to keep with the theme and Renee will get in touch with him. She would be able to get advanced copies of the online book. It was agreed to spend \$2000 for him, instead of the \$1800 we have budgeted.

Anita brought in samples of Writing Pad Folders from Janway for a member packet. The folder has a solar calculator and costs \$9.20 for 100 plus a \$60 set-up charge for the imprint.

There was discussion of how this may not be keeping with the theme of going green and Anita will look into seeing if there are any other products more environmentally friendly.

There was also discussion of when we should hand out this gift. One suggestion was at the LILC; therefore making sure the product was environmentally friendly. Another suggestion was at the January NLS monthly Children's meeting, therefore if we did use the portfolio we wouldn't have to worry about sticking with the theme.

Anita will bring more ideas to the November meeting and have the products ordered by the end of the year. The most important thing is ordering the product and then we can decide when and how to hand it out.

G. PUBLIC RELATIONS: No Report

H. MEDIA: No Report

I. NLS: Renee would like to ask everyone to please write or call your legislators to prevent them from continuing to cut the budget for library systems. You can go on www.NYLA.org and there are links to email each legislator. When writing to them say something like, “as you are thinking about cutting funds please remember in these difficult economic times people are using the public library more now. Without the proper funding we cannot serve the needs of the community.”

There will be a rally on November 18 in Albany.

The book list for each grade will be out by the end of the year. It will also be available online. Renee has added an early literacy booklet that focus on the 6 Skills every child needs to learn before going to school.

On November 3 Renee will be having an Understanding Tourette Syndrome Workshop. She is hoping to get more people to respond to this meeting. Lunch will be provided after the meeting and the performers will be doing a skit during lunch.

It was suggested to put together an “Affordable Long Island” flyer to promote libraries as a place to go during these economic hardships. This was spoken about more in New Business.

There were 25,000 handprints collected and spread around the Long Island Children’s Museum for the Presidential Debate that took place at Hofstra University on October 15. This was a way to get early childhood education into politics and the debates.

Renee will be sending out the list for the Mock Newbery this week.

The meeting Introduction to Youth Services went well.

Renee is still deciding on who to have for the Literature Festival. She was thinking about Gail Carson Levine but someone also suggested Emily Jenkins or maybe an author with his or her editor or an illustrator. Nothing has been decided yet.

The summer reading club manuals are going out and Renee has made a calendar for the 2009 year.

VI. OLD BUSINESS: No Report

VII. NEW BUSINESS: Geri was very interested in the “Affordable Long Island” flyer. She received one that Suffolk County does. She will get in contact with the Heads of the Children’s Departments to ask them to come up with two places to go in their community that are affordable. If you would like to see Suffolk’s you can go to www.CLASCinc.org/affordable

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:27am. Linda made a motion to dismiss and Renee seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacqueline Mascia