

**ORANGE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
DIRECTOR'S MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 2004**

Attendance:

Florence Brady, Carmela Chase, Rosemary Cooper, Claudia Depkin, Madelyn Folino, Kevin Gallagher, Molly Robbins, Suzanne Skeels, Stephanie Thiel

Rosemary Cooper called the meeting to order at 10:40 A.M. in Monroe.

Welcome to Molly Robbins the new director of the Cornwall Library. Congratulations to Carmela Chase on her retirement and deep gratitude for her commitment and enthusiasm for OLA.

Motion to approve the minutes of the last Director's Meeting of September 14, 2004 made by Marilyn McIntosh and seconded by Carmela Chase. Minutes approved as written.

Treasurer's Report

Our account has \$5,299.91. An updated budget needs to be prepared.

Finance

Twenty libraries in RCLS received item grants from legislators who did not vote to veto cut in funding for libraries in the 2005 state budget. Pauline Kehoe is suggesting that this money be redirected to RCLS as a way of showing the legislature that item grants are not the way to fund libraries. There was no consensus on this proposal at the Director's Association meeting. There was a motion by Claudia Depkin that OLA as an organization send letters to Governor Pataki, Howard Mills and Nancy Calhoun expressing concern for the method of funding libraries. Seconded by Madelyn Folino. Claudia will send a press release to the Times Herald Record. Libraries are encouraged to contact legislators, visit and backup with a letter.

Legislative/Advocacy

All county money for 2004 has been received. The NYLA Advocate Award was presented to Ed Diana and the legislature. \$110,000 is in the county budget for libraries for 2005.

Madelyn will email the bookmark with statistics for use by other libraries.

Libraries are encouraged to thank the County Executive and Legislature in their individual newsletters and send copy of the newsletters to Ed Diana and legislators.

Publicity

Claudia explained a proposal from One-Time Fundraising. To enroll in the program, a database of a minimum of 500 names and email addresses is necessary. Individuals who sign up receive a weekly email providing information about what's going on in Orange County libraries, with a link to the OLA E-Mall, a virtual shopping mall with over 1,000 stores. There is no cost to us and is a way to raise money for Orange County libraries.

Programs

A technical services roundtable will be held at RCLS on April 13, 2005.

OLA needs to sponsor more programs for the general membership

Membership

Membership sign up forms will be sent out soon with a cover letter from Rosemary Cooper. Dues are \$15.

Old Business

Our 501(c)3 has been received by the IRS and we have a number.

Randy Enos is working on the Books for Babies paperwork.

New Business

PLS has a task force on the future of library systems in New York State. Currently there are 74 library systems in New York State.

Other

Libraries should complete their updates to the Community Resource List.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 P.M.

