

**ORANGE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING
OCTOBER 12, 2005**

Attendance:

Florence Brady, Doris Callan, Lois Delarose, Claudia Depkin, Theresa Dolch, Madelyn Folino, Kathleen Georgalas, Charlotte Grossarth, Kathleen Koopman, Diane Loomis, Marilyn McIntosh, Christina Ryan-Linder, Suzanne Skeels, Catina Strauss, Martha Sullivan, Muriel Verdibello, Patty Velez

Claudia Depkin called meeting to order at 10:20 A.M. in Middletown. Motion to approve the minutes from the Annual Meeting of April 27, 2005, made by Muriel Verdibello and seconded by Madelyn Folino. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report

Account balance is \$4,201.13. No interest is received on balances under \$5,000. No county money or membership dues have been received yet this year. Several small bills need to be paid. We are waiting for grant money to be received to pay invoice for Books for Babies expenses.

Membership Committee

A flyer for membership for 2006 will be sent to directors, staff and trustees. Low attendance at meetings needs to be addressed. Flyer will encourage directors to send staff and trustees to meetings. RCLS Annual Meeting is a chance to promote OLA. We should work up a display for the Legislative Breakfast and the Annual Meeting.

Legislative/Advocacy Committee

County money for 2005 (\$115,000) not yet received. Member item for OLA Website has been received from Senator Larkin. Seacoast Webdesign will be working on the website. For a sample of their work see www.scenichudson.org.

Publicity Committee

The Times Herald Record newspaper covered several OLA events: OLA Bash and announcement of new officers.

Regarding this years EXPO, there was little enthusiasm from members to work and support this effort. Display bags were slow to come. We need to reconsider our support for this event or reinvigorate membership to participate. The EXPO is a great venue to promote libraries.

Publicity is needed throughout the year for the public to support library funding from Albany.

Program Committee

The committee is looking into a program for April, possibly to have someone from the FISH philosophy to do a program.

BASH may be a trip to Huguenot Street in New Paltz and lunch at Mohonk.

Old Business

Marilyn McIntosh encourages all to attend the next Director's Association Meeting concerning fee proposal for RCLS. System is facing a deficit. It was the charge of a subcommittee of System Services Committee to find a way to deal with the deficit. Interim solution is a fee proposal for 3 years. A base fee of \$1,000 per library plus a per capita fee was proposed. The base fee has now been eliminated. If there were no deficit during the 3 years, then no fees would be charged. Sanctions for non payment would be handled on a case by case basis. A simple majority at the Director's Association Meeting will be needed to pass this proposal. Proxies must be in writing. There may be changes at the Director's Association Meeting so directors need to be present.

There are some who feel this is not a deficit revenue problem but perhaps system could reduce expenses.

New Business

Mr. Blunt from Syrsi/Dynix was at RCLS to discussed HIP problems. Several changes and fixes for HIP have been installed with two more due by this Friday. Stability in HIP will be addressed. The next version is HIP is in December. We could revert to a previous version of HIP if it works with holds.

Older browsers have problems using HIP. AOL users need version 9 not 4 or 5.

Anser Committee will meet on Monday to decide if we will revert to a lower version of HIP. Publicity could be sent to patrons to upgrade their browsers before the new version of HIP.

Motion to adjoin by Lois Delarose and seconded by Catrina Strauss.

A program on Merchandising your Library presented by Christina Ryan-Linder and Charlotte Grossarth of Monroe Free Library followed.

Respectfully submitted:

Florence Brady
Secretary