

Orange County Library Association
Annual Membership Meeting
October 27, 2017
RCLS

Present: Pamela Hawks – Cornwall, Meaghan Doyle – Cornwall, Madelyn Folino – Florida, Maria Martinez – Florida, Sara Johnson – Florida, Marie Arnstein – Florida, Meg Sgombick – Florida, Jill Cronin – Greenwood Lake, Leslie Rose – Highland Falls, Luginas Lorick – Middletown, Bridget Manigo – Middletown, Alex Carver – Monroe, Patty Sussmann-Newburgh, Elizabeth Connelly – Newburgh, Beverly Arlequeew – Port Jervis, Grace Riario – RCLS, Diane Loomis – Tuxedo, Caroline Siecke-Pape – Tuxedo, Ginny O’Neill – Tuxedo, Ginny Neidermier – Walden, Laurie Angle – Warwick

The meeting was called to order at 9:18am by Patty Sussmann

- 1) Approval of Minutes: a motion was made to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2017 General Meeting by Diane Loomis, seconded by Caroline Siecke-Pape and unanimously approved.
- 2) Treasurer’s Report: a motion was made to approve the Treasurer’s Report (balance as of October 2017) by Madelyn Folino, seconded by Beverly Arlequeew and unanimously approved.
- 3) Correspondence: None
- 4) President’s Report – Outgoing President Patty Sussmann gave a wrap up report for 2017. Some highlights:
 - January - sponsored a bus up to Albany to attend library legislative day
 - March - attended a Meet and Greet with a variety of county agencies at the Orange County Arboretum
 - April - CE workshop, Hooray for Freedom going over library’s privacy policies and procedures.
 - May - co-sponsored the Friends Group meeting held at RCLS on Social Media with Dana Willbanks from Albany Public.
 - September - OLA was honored and delighted to offer the Pulitzer Prize winning, *The Underground Railroad*, as our OrangeREADS 2017 culminating in the author event in Tuxedo with Colson Whitehead.
 - October - final CE workshop co-sponsored with RCLS on Branding Your Library with Doug Bixler from Schenectady County PL.

Patty said it was an honor working and getting to know so many in this amazing County and thanked everyone for giving her this opportunity to serve. She would also like to personally

thank the OLA officers and a special thank you to Ginny O'Neill, who helped with so many events over the years.

5) Committee Reports:

- a) *Legislative Report:* This year, we received \$105,000 from legislators. Ginny Neidermier has a recent communication that this might be cut back to \$81,000 in the coming year. The county Ways & Means Committee will be meeting over the next two weeks to determine the amount of funds. She will keep us posted on the status. Jill Cronin offered to attend meetings with Ginny.

6) Old Business:

- a) *Colson Whitehead Event report:* Diane Loomis reported on the event: 17 libraries participated and 180 people attended the event in Tuxedo. Both Whitehead and moderator Tuxedo Trustee Gerald Howard presented an engaging program. Patrons who attended gave excellent feedback. Member libraries held smaller events on the theme of the Underground Railroad. A recording on DVD of the event will be forthcoming on coming November 11. The event generated good press for libraries and for OLA.

7) New Business:

- a) *Approval of 2018 Budget:* a motion was made for the membership to approve the 2018 Budget - 13 for and none against.
- b) *Nomination of New Officers for 2018:* a motion was made by Beverly Arlequeew and seconded by Ginny O'Neill to approve the following slate of officers for 2018 – 13 for and none against.
- i) President – Diane Loomis
 - ii) President Elect – Lauria Angle
 - iii) Secretary – Pamela Hawks
 - iv) Treasurer – Ginny Niedermier
 - v) Past President – Patty Sussmann
- c) Following the meeting there will be a presentation by Doug Bixler of Schenectady County Public Library on Branding Your Library.

- 8) Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Jill Cronin at 9:40am, seconded by Ginny Neidermier and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Hawks