

**Orange Library Association
OLA Meeting Minutes
Chester Public Library
February 18, 2016**

Present: Maureen Jagos- Chester, Patty Sussmann- Newburgh, Ashley Baroch- Florida, Sara Johnson- Florida, Maria Martinez- Florida, Meg Sgombick- Florida, Suzanne Brahm-Highland Falls, Jill Cronin- Greenwood Lake, Madelyn Folino- Florida, Martha Sullivan- Florida, Annette Shaughnessy – Florida, Marie Arnstein- Florida, Beverly Arlequeeuw- Port Jervis, Lenore Paulik- Warwick, Joni Armstrong- Chester, Ginny Neidermier- Walden, Marilyn McIntosh-Monroe, Grace Riario- RCLS

Meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m.

Minutes approved: Minutes from Director's Council Meeting of January 12, 2016 were presented. Marilyn McIntosh made a motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Jill Cronin.

Treasurer's Report: was submitted by Ginny Neidermier. In our expenditures, the NYS filing fee was for taxes. We also had deposits of membership's dues.

Marilyn McIntosh made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and it was seconded by Beverly Arlequeeuw

Correspondence: None

President's Report: None

Committee Reports:

By-Laws- Carol McCrossen & Marilyn McIntosh are new members. No report.

Finance: – The 2016 agreement between Orange County Government and the Orange Library Association was signed and submitted on 2/2/2016 for \$90,000.

Legislative: - see New Business

Membership: We now have 104 OLA members.

Nominating: Rosaleen Leahy & Chuck Thomas. – Rosaleen asked for clarification for when nominations should go out. It was agreed that the summer is when we should post the new positions available for the upcoming year.

Program/Publicity – see New Business

Web: Pamela Hawkes and Bonnie Mayefsky – website has been updated for 2016. New admin passwords must be made for our current administration.

New Business:

- Suzanne Brahm has proposed an OLA tea at the Highland Falls Library to discuss our new favorite reads. Perhaps it could be added to our calendar this spring.

- Grace Riario and Catina Strauss had met to discuss different CE workshops. Based on the director's survey, these are some of the areas that were suggested: policy writing, archiving, grant writing, law & finance, follow up on Read Hook PL, follow up to a Team Building

Workshop RCLS is giving in the fall. Marilyn McIntosh mentioned a program on micro-aggression offered by Queens PL that seemed interesting.

- County Legislative Breakfast - OLA does want to have a County Legislative Breakfast. The questions are where and when. Options as to location included Trotters Museum in Goshen, to holding the breakfast at a library. (Warwick PL, recent winner of 2016 Best Small Library in America, to Chester PL, a more centralized location.) Most county legislators are home during July/August according to Grace Riario. Maureen said she would follow-up with directors.
- AMAZING ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARIES- was proposed as an alternative to BIG READ. Done in conjunction with our SRP 2016 THEMES (on your mark, get set, read; get in the game-read; exercise your mind, read) It would be a combination of A) scavenger hunt (finding cool things in your library and in and around the county), b) visiting local attractions and sending us something back with an Instagram/FB #, and c) increasing awareness of all the great things they can get at the library- all while having fun. Any team, who completes the activities would be in the drawing for a TBD grand prize. Please contact psussmann@rcls.org to get involved!

We opened up the floor for any news from other libraries.

GWL has had a very successful ASL program. Contact Jill Cronin for more info.

Florida has been having quite a bit of success with their 3D printing programs. Maureen had mentioned seeing a Smithsonian Grant for inventions that might be applicable.

Cornwall's Great Decisions program has had much success. Teachers can use it for CE credit and West Point Professors have been available for lecture.

Grace Riario suggested that libraries take part in the Job Training workshop being offered for the last time in this grant period. It has a direct impact on our users.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:33. Beverly Arlequeeuw made the motion and it was seconded by Marilyn McIntosh.