

Orange Library Association (OLA)
General Meeting Minutes
Chester Public Library
June 9, 2016

Present: Ashley Baroch – Florida, Doris Callan – Pine Bush, Sara Johnson – Florida, Marie Arnstein – Florida, Christine Mahr – Goshen, Patty Sussmann – Newburgh, Irene Dunn – Chester, Ginny Neidermier – Walden, Rosaleen Leahy – Cornwall, Matt Pfisterer – Middletown, Ginny O’Neill – Tuxedo, Joni Dunning – Chester, Matt Thorenz – Washingtonville, Rose-Emma Calabrese – Woodbury, Maureen Jagos – Chester, Pamela Hawks – Cornwall, Catina Strauss – Monroe.

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by Catina Strauss.

Approval of Minutes: Membership present reviewed the minutes. A motion to approve the minutes of February 18, 2016 was made by Maureen Jagos, seconded by Pamela Hawks, and unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report: Membership reviewed the report. Question from the membership: what is selected insurance? OLA pays for it every year; it is meant to cover programming; it was helpful to have during the Big READ. A motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report of June 9, 2016 was made by Maureen Jagos, seconded by Ginny O’Neill, and unanimously approved.

Correspondence: NONE.

President’s Report:

- There will be a presentation today from the Orange County Department of Mental Health with Lisa Velasques and her assistant, Damien, from the Mobile Mental Health team, and Janine LoCicero from the Orange County Division of Child and Family Services. Those attending will receive two CE credits.
- The workshop slated for the fall will be scheduled at the end of September or beginning of October. The topic proposed is “micro-aggression” and the presenter is from the Queens Library.
- Directors are asked to please review the salary survey requested by Grace Riario. They are due by June 30.
- There are proposed changes in OLA’s Bylaws:
 - Article VIII, section 4: changing the number of meetings from three to two.
 - Article IX, Sections 3 & 4: changing the number of members required for a quorum from 20% to 5%.

- There are not enough members in attendance to pass these changes. The vote will be tabled until the fall meeting.

Committee Reports:

By-laws: Carol McCrossen and Marilyn McIntosh made the proposed changes discussed during President's Report.

Finance: We received payment #1 from the Orange County Planning Department. These equal payments have been distributed to member libraries. The second payment (based on population) is forthcoming. We received a reinstatement of funds that had been lost in past years – thanks to all who worked to lobby our legislators.

Legislative: Ginny Neidermeier reported that a planned legislative event is scheduled for the early fall in the evening at Warwick. More information will be forthcoming. Please collect photos from your Amazing Orange program (see below) to show to legislators.

Membership: Catina Strauss reported that we have 130 paid members.

Nominating: There are two positions open on the Executive Committee: President Elect and Secretary. Voting for the Committee will take place at the fall annual membership meeting.

Web: OLA is working with Bonnie Mayevsky on maintaining the website.

Program/Publicity: SEE NEW BUSINESS

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Amazing Orange Challenge: Patty Sussmann and Ginny O'Neill reported on the replacement program for the Big READ to be held this summer:

- Folders with information were passed out to libraries in attendance. Patty reviewed the contents of the Amazing Orange packets: entry forms, bingo card and map, FAQ sheet, helpful resource lists. Please be aware that entry forms and folders should be marked with matching numbers. Libraries will receive the amount of packets indicated in Patty's email. Bags are on order and will be distributed by ILL if possible or will be located at Monroe or Newburgh Library for pick-up. Healthy candy (orange slices with Vitamin C)

has been ordered to put in the bags for patrons. There is a staff information sheet that will be sent via inter-office mail to help libraries know how the challenge works.

- There is a dropbox account for the program: libraries can download a poster to hang in your libraries for publicity. Please contact Patty for access to the account.
- Social Media: please "like" the Amazing Orange Libraries" FB page; bookmark and link to the website - www.amazingorange.org; and follow our Instagram page at amazing orange libraries. Any questions regarding publicity for this challenge can be directed to Patty or Ginny.
- Steve Neuhaus will make a publicity photo op at the Chester Library on July 5 -- the first day of the challenge. Please send any photos, videos or other content promoting the race at your library to Patty.
- Question from the membership: can our own flyers be added? Yes -- add calendars and flyers if you want to the bag (not the folder), but the folders must not be handed out before July 5. The drawing of prizes will be August 19.
- A motion to approve a budget proposal to fund Amazing Orange for \$5,000.00 was made by Maureen Jagos, seconded by Rosaleen Leahy, and unanimously approved.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Patty Sussmann and seconded by Maureen Jagos.
Meeting adjourned at 10:39am.

June 9th, 3016
OLA Treasurer's Report

Orange Library Association checking account
Balance as of 2/18/16: \$13,753.57

Revenues:

Interest: \$5.63
Membership deposit \$240

Expenditures:

\$488. – Selective Insurance

Bank statement balance as of 3/16/2016 **\$13,511.20**

Bank statements 3/16/2016 – 5/16/2016

Membership deposit \$150.

Interest \$2.38

Bank statement balance as of 5/16/2016 **\$13,663.58**

Total members to date: 130

Total membership contributions: \$1950.

OrangeREADS Balance –Statement as of 5/25/16: \$597.17

Revenues:

No activities

Expenditures:

- 4/8/16 – Report sent to OC Planning Department and OC Legislative Chairman Brescia describing automation fees of member libraries. (Grant funds were originally used to support costs of automation services of Orange County libraries)
- 5/27/16 - 1st payment of the Orange County Grant 2016 in the amount of \$45,000 was distributed to Orange County Libraries.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginny Neidermier, OLA Treasurer
6/9/2016