

WESTCHESTER LIBRARY SYSTEM
Trustee Meeting
June 27, 2017 – Approved September 26, 2017

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Westchester Library System was called to order by Cathy Draper, President, at 6:14 p.m. at WLS Headquarters. The quorum requirement was met with the following people in attendance:

Board Members present: Mary Amato, Dave Donelson, Cathy Draper, LaRuth Gray, Susan Morduch, Sean Ryan, Edris Scherer, Bernie Seiler, Karen Zevin

Board Members absent: Hope Furth, Barbara Hickernell, Norman Jacknis, Julie Mills-Worthey, Sue Neale, Alex Payan

Also present from WLS were: Terry Kirchner, Francine Feuerman

Public Library Directors Association (PLDA) Representative: Carolyn Reznick, Director of Ruth Keeler Memorial Library (North Salem)

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of May 30, 2017, were accepted as submitted on a motion by Ms. Scherer and seconded by Ms. Zevin. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The financial report through May 2017 was presented by Ms. Feuerman and was accepted on a motion by Ms. Scherer and seconded by Mr. Donelson. The motion passed unanimously. The check register was distributed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Central Library Study Committee: Committee Chair Mr. Donelson reviewed the June 8th meeting which consisted of a conference call with NYS Library Division of Library Development staff members Carol Desch, Coordinator of Statewide Library Services & Director of Library Development, and Barbara Lilley, Library Development Specialist & WLS Regional Consultant. A series of questions was shared prior to and discussed at the committee meeting that covered the following topics for the Central Library: purpose and function; operation, performance ideas and measures; roles and responsibilities in selection of or change in designation; requirements of brick and mortar; effect of a library's registration status to their central library designation.

The next meeting will take place on July 13 at 6 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Public Library to offer their community the opportunity to provide input to this process.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A copy of the Executive Director's Report was mailed in advance of the meeting.

Dr. Kirchner noted that the award notifications were sent regarding the 2016-19 Public Library Construction Aid Grants. Due to unused funds from other systems, several of WLS applications received larger awards than originally recommended. A list of the awards was distributed. Due to the increase in the 2017-2020 Program Cycle allocation to \$24 Million, new guidelines are being drafted by the PLDA Grants Committee and will be distributed shortly.

Dr. Kirchner announced that the WLS Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 16, 2017, as a breakfast meeting prior to the PLDA Meeting. A panel discussion featuring NYS Librarian Bernie Margolis and NYS Regent Judith Johnson will focus on the future of libraries.

Dr. Kirchner attended the American Library Association (ALA) Conference in Chicago. There was a stronger focus on social justice, intellectual freedom, privacy, and barriers from structure such as fines and fees. Pay-per-use e-books are growing in importance and allow for simultaneous use, and WLS was one of the first Systems to use this method. The Conference was a good opportunity to visit with vendors. One of the most innovative is Yewno Discover. This tool provides a different approach for discovering library content. It exists outside of the library catalog and interacts with the library catalog and other linked databases to identify materials available immediately in digital or print formats from the library or through interlibrary loan (ILL). Although currently focused on academic libraries, it may be used for public libraries in the future.

PLDA LIAISON'S REPORT

Ms. Reznick reported the following on the June PLDA meeting:

- Dr. Kirchner announced that the 2016 construction grant awards notifications were sent;
- Mr. Caluori noted that the Mobile App continues to be tested by WLS staff with beta testing for library directors to begin in July and reminded directors that laptops can be requested from WLS;
- Proposed changes to the NYS minimum public library standards were reviewed;
- The directors decided not to participate in the National Disability Voter Registration Week for 2017, due to the complexity of the process, but are open to exploring alternate ways to support the initiative in the future.

The meeting was held at the Eastchester Public Library, who gave a tour of their recent renovations done in part through a NYS Public Library Construction Aid Grant; and the annual summer luncheon was held following the meeting.

OTHER

Ms. Scherer attended a meeting of the Library Trustees Association of New York State (LTA) and reminded trustees of LTA's next regional institute *Trustees in the Know* at the Plainview-Old Bethpage Library on August 12th. Ms. Scherer will be contacting individual member libraries regarding membership in this organization.

ADJOURNMENT

Having completed its agenda, the Board adjourned its meeting at 6:42 p.m. on a motion by Dr. Gray and seconded by Ms. Morduch. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Sean Ryan
Secretary