

ESRT Board Meeting

Brentwood Public Library

Brentwood, N.Y.

October 6, 2014

Attendance:

Tom Brogan, BPL; Grace Riario, RCLS, Fred Gitner, Queens Library; Selina Sharmin, Queens Library; Manuel Figueroa, Queens Library; Adriana Blancarte-Hayward, NYPL.

Excused:

Tracy Allen and Cherie Chigana.

President Adriana started the meeting at 12:00 PM. The board read the minutes from the previous Board meeting at the Finkelstein Public Library. The following edits were made to these minutes:

In the Attendance section, "Adriana Blancarte-Haywood" was changed to "Adriana Blancarte-Hayward." Also, in the same section, "Tracey" was changed to "Tracy."

On the sentence, starting, "Tracy and the Board," "moniters" was changed to "monitors."

The first conference program description, "Let's bring the Spanish populations," was changed to "Let's bring the Spanish-Speaking populations." Also, after the presenters' names, the dash was changed to a comma. And, the word, "moniter" was changed to "monitor."

For the second conference program description, the phrase "Learn the knots" was changed to "Learn the nuts."

Also, the dash after the presenter's names was changed to a comma. In addition, the presenter, "Maria Fund" was misspelled and changed to "Maria Fung," The room monitor was changed from Grace Riario to Adriana Blancarte-Hayward.

For the third program, one speaker "Elaine Giadino" was erased because she was no longer participating. Also, Grace Riario dropped out as room monitor. Tom afterwards offered to fill in as room monitor.

Fred approved the past minutes, Grace seconded.

Treasurer Fred Gitner reported, "We started Fiscal Year 2014 with \$2,855.80 and now have a balance of \$3,289.86. We earned a \$400.00 profit with the new book. We have had no sales recently. Since July 1, 2014, 10 members joined or renewed. We have 68 members. Fred presented a current membership list. The Long Island area had the most ESRT members.

Awards Chair Manny Figueroa reported, the professional development award letter went out to NYLA members in August 2014 and had no response. It was suggested that next year we send out the Professional Development Award letter in the period May thru July for 2015.

Fred asked for ways to attract new members. Manny suggested showing a film. Adriana said that food always brings people to a meeting. She mentioned that RASS is having a social event.

President Adriana announced that one speaker dropped off for the conference.

Grace reported Fred and I worked on a new ESRT brochure. We plan to print 200 copies.

We need to confirm the registration for booth. Manny called Jeremy to reservation form for a booth. Manny will complete the form and send it in.

We have two bibliographies. The titles are: Israeli Films and Graphic Novels for teen and adults. The Israeli Film bibliography will be paid for by the cinema dealer.

President Adriana reported that the Newsletter did not happen.

President Adriana said that we have a new logo for ESRT. The Board liked the new logo. It was on the ESRT Board agenda.

Grace showed a certificate for NYLA members who come to an ESRT conference program and stay for the entire program. The certificate gives Continuing Education credits. This is something new for ESRT. Librarians who graduate after 2010 are required by New York State to complete 60 hours of Continuing Education credits every five years.

Grace, our Web Liaison, said that would like to add a page for minutes for this fiscal year, including the minutes for our January, April and October meetings.

Fred said that he reserved the restaurant for 12 people for our General membership meeting. He said that it is a 13 minute walk from the conference center.

Manny said there is nothing to report for our Facebook page.

Manny reported that elections are over. Here are the results:

Vice President/President Elect, Grace Riario

Member at Large, Brigid Cahalan

Member at Large, Galina

Manny will send an email to the ESRT membership with the election results.

New Business:

Fred suggested participating in a joint ESRT/NYLA and Mimi Lee, the Diversity and Outreach person from the New Jersey Library Association.

Fred showed a sample of the new ESRT ribbon.

Adriana closed the meeting at around 1 PM.