

**Ethnic Services Round Table
New York Library Association
Minutes of the Membership Meeting
Tuesday, June 6, 2017, 10:30AM
Queens Library at Elmhurst, Elmhurst, NY**

Attendees: Fred J. Gitner, Kacper Jarecki, Cathy Chen, Manny Figueroa, Christiana Parish, David Nochimson, Selina Sharmin, , Adriana Blancarte-Hayward, Brigid Cahalan, Irina Kuharets, Wilma Glover-Koomson.

Excused: Tata Cañuelas, Grace Riario, Galina Chernykh

1. Wilma Glover-Koomson welcomed the attendees and thanked everyone for coming.
2. The minutes of the meeting held at El Mexicano Restaurant in Saratoga Springs, New York on Friday, November 4th were reviewed. Fred Gitner motioned to accept the minutes with corrections. Adriana Blancarte-Hayward seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.
3. Financial Report – Fred Gitner reported that the balance in our account was \$3,791.60 as of May 31, 2017. Our income came mostly through membership dues, the sale of a few copies of our book, the raffle at the NYLA booth, and we received a \$100.00 donation from Anne Hoffman. Our expenses included \$100 for the booth at NYLA, \$250 for the Brian G. Martin Professional Development Award to Tata Cañuelas, and printing costs of \$278.50.
4. Membership Report - As of May 31 we have 71 members. A discussion ensued brainstorming ideas for recruiting new members. Wilma Glover-Koomson reported that she is waiting on 2 staff members who work at her library to finish their documentation for the Library to pay for their membership. Rockland County School District is attempting to identify all foreign language-speaking librarians in the school district. Adriana suggested that we reach out to library schools. Wilma said she will follow up with this suggestion and will reach out to all of the library schools in the state and the New York City metropolitan area. There are eight library schools in the region including St. John's University, Queens College, Pratt Institute, Long Island University (C.W. Post), Rutgers University, SUNY Albany, SUNY Buffalo, and Syracuse University. Fred Gitner brought up the option to opt in or out of receiving e-mail from NYLA and of us encouraging members to opt in.
5. NYLA 2017 – Wilma Glover-Koomson explained the process used by NYLA to determine programs to be included at the annual conference. As a result of the new “grading system” used to determine which programs are scheduled, ESRT only had one program accepted for the 2017 conference. Wilma spoke with

Jeremy Johannesen, Executive Director of NYLA, and he was able to add two more of the programs submitted by ESRT. ESRT had submitted five program ideas. Brigid Cahalan volunteered to be the room monitor for the ESRT program in slot 1, Thurs. 11/9 at 11:30AM (Cross-Cultural Communication). Wilma gave more detailed descriptions of the programs (Slot 3, Thurs. 11/9, 4:15PM, New Americans & U.S. Citizenship, Selina Sharmin will monitor; Slot 6, Fri. 11/10 at 3PM, Immigration Assistance at Your Library, Wilma Glover Koomson will monitor) and spoke about the speakers and how and why these programs were proposed.

6. NYLA Booth – Wilma Glover-Koomson will submit the application for the booth at NYLA. It was noted that ribbons do not need to be ordered. The theme of this year's annual conference is "Choose Your Own Adventure." The conference will be held in Saratoga Springs from November 8-11, 2017.
7. Wilma informed attendees that NYLA will supply a projector, but the unit must supply the laptop.
8. There was a discussion of possible raffle prizes.
9. Brigid Cahalan spoke about the bibliographies and informed attendees that if they are interested in creating a bibliography they should reach out to Irina Kuharets. Her e-mail address is irinakuharets@gmail.com
10. Wilma Glover-Koomson and Selina Sharmin will be in charge of the booth.
11. Fred Gitner announced that REFORMA is having their National Conference from September 7-9 in San Juan, Puerto Rico.
12. Fred Gitner spoke about our book, "Connecting Cultures" and asked for suggestions on how to promote the book. Fred announced that the book will be translated into Japanese.
13. Our next meeting will be held on September 15.
14. Manny Figueroa motioned to adjourn the meeting. Kacper Jarecki seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 11:51 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Manny Figueroa

ESRT Secretary