



**Ethnic Services Round Table Membership Meeting**

**Date: Friday, February 3, 2023**

**Location: Virtual via Webex**

**Time: 2pm**

**Agenda:**

- **Welcome & Introductions**

1. Rio Aucena [raucena@wlsmail.org](mailto:raucena@wlsmail.org) (New Rochelle Public Library)
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9. Madellen Garcia [mgarcia@queenslibrary.org](mailto:mgarcia@queenslibrary.org) (Queens Public Library)
10. Fred Gitner [fgitner@queenslibrary.org](mailto:fgitner@queenslibrary.org) (Queens Public Library)

- **Approval of NYLA Membership Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the last meeting on November 3, 2022 , at Saratoga Springs, NY were read. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Fred Gitner and seconded by Indira Mukherjee and it was passed.

- **Curator's Update**

Rosemary Kiladitis

February 7 will be the date that the program proposal site launches. Rosemary will forward the conference calendar and the planning calendar just so we all know what we are working with. Working on getting people to consider some panels in addition to the series that we are already doing. Just starting nudging people to submit ideas.

Fred mentioned that he went to the NYLA website and if you go to the conference section you can print it out. The deadline for proposals is March 7<sup>th</sup>. We can submit three programs as a round table and co-sponsor what we want.

- **Programming ideas for NYLA Conference 2023**

1. Genealogy or roots program with a focus on immigration--- presented by Jo-Ann Wong (How to Trace Peoples Roots)
2. Author Talk related to immigration (Fred will look into)
3. Asylum seekers-- What libraries are doing—possible panel from QPL, NYPL, BPL
4. Different ways of enhancing community at your library with people whose 1<sup>st</sup> language is not English e.g. (Language Line Telephonic communication; Travis Touch

- **Combating Racism 2023**

Kacper Jarecki

Had 1<sup>st</sup> meeting with the committee and it went well. Next meeting is next week (week of Feb. 6-10)

NYLA wanted to charge \$250 per session; if we do 5 or 6 it will add up. Jo-Ann had the idea of doing a 1-day conference so that we only pay \$250.

Committee came up with hosting an all-day event on either September 12 or 13. Then it would be archived and available to watch afterwards.

There was a list of about seven topics that were possible to do and Jo-Ann said we will only do 4 since it is an all-day event. If anyone had possible speakers to please send the information to the committee.

Fred inquired as to how much to charge people to attend. Also since it is an all-day event, does NYLA Continuing Education need to be notified or approve.

Kacper will have a meeting with Kelly next week and he will follow up with all the details.

- **Treasurer's Report**

Fred Gitner

**Beginning Balance as of July 1, 2022:** **\$4,509.51**

**July-September 2022:**

**Revenue** **\$ 60.00**

Dues: July'22-September '22

**Expenses** **\$ 0.00**

**September 30, 2022 Closing Balance:** **\$4,569.51**

- **Bylaws Task Force Update**

Fred Gitner, Kacper Jarecki, and Indira Mukherjee

Nothing to report

- **Newsletter Update**

Indira mentioned that Jo-Ann was the one who initially had taken the responsibility for this, but since she is no longer at QPL she asked if someone would be interested in pursuing it.

Manny mentioned that instead of a newsletter how about creating a space on our ESRT page where we highlight different things such as our upcoming programs; activities that we will be doing, etc.

Fred mentioned that the bibliography distributed at the conference was very good and mentioned the people who worked on it.

- **Membership/Public Relations Committee Status Update**

Kacper Jarecki and Indira Mukherjee

Fred mentioned that since a lot of people attended the ESRT membership meeting at Saratoga and some of them are not members, that it would be good if Kacper could send a letter to them inviting them to join ESRT.

Spring Gathering—Kacper

Suggestions:

1. Cherry Blossoms- Rio suggested places around the city to go see them
2. Visit an immigrant bookstore-possible tour, e.g. Yu & Me Books- Chinatown
3. Wilma's Tea Cosy- Valley Cottage, NY
4. Visit Little Island
5. Weeksville (Brooklyn)- Saturday only

- **Schedule of Next Membership meeting**

The next membership meeting will be sometime in May. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> were suggested.

Fred made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Manny and everyone was in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm.

Prepared by **Madellen Garcia, Secretary**

Edited by Fred Gitner, Treasurer