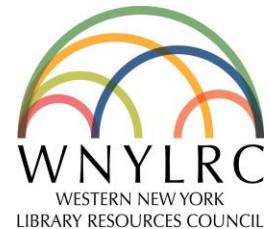




General Membership Meeting **MINUTES**

February 6, 2018

Western New York Library Resources Council



1. Call to order - Christie Waterman - 24 attendees
2. Approval of minutes from November 16, 2017 meeting -- Stephanie Pritchard/Beth DiLucente
3. Membership vote on revised Constitution and By-Laws - Christie Waterman went over the revisions - Constitution and By-Laws revisions vote approved (domain name may need to be addressed).
4. Fall Sharing Announcement - Christie Waterman - West Seneca East - Saturday October 13th - Jennifer LaGarde (maybe put a video clip of Jennifer on our website). A number of people have already stepped up to be committee chairs.
5. Treasurer's report and Membership report
 - i. Account & WNYLRC Update / Cash Total - Susan Walterich - (see below) 73 members
 - ii. Membership: Membership Drive - Susan Walterich - incentives for joining and for referrals
6. DLIS report: Mary Jo Sicurella -- mentions SLAWNY to students --
7. BSLA report: Christie is reaching out to them - **Mary Jo indicated she knows of a recently hired school librarian in Buffalo and will reach out to him to possibly be a BSLA rep**
8. Standing Committee reports
 - i. Public Relations Committee: Lydia Wrobel (Twitter), Katie LaFever (FaceBook), Stephanie Pritchard (SLAWNY Direct) - Stephanie asked us to complete a short online survey to show her what we want to see on SLAWNY Direct - <https://goo.gl/aHRter>
 - ii. Web Site Management Committee: Haley Warren is stepping down. WE NEED A NEW WEB SITE MANAGER
 - iii. Awards Committee: Megan Moelbert reported that she has two new members. No one has been nominated yet and the DEADLINE is April 19th
 - iv. Mentoring Committee: OPEN - **Beth DiLucente mentioned she is will to be a mentor**
9. Network reports
 - i. Southtowns Elementary Network: Lorraine Florczyk & Christine Beckett - met recently and discussed LEGO Wedo and Makey Makey. Next meeting is April. Exact date will be on the SLAWNY Website soon.
 - ii. Northtowns Elementary Network: Stephanie Devaney reported that their next meeting is next week at Dodge Elementary. They have a general sharing (books, lessons and more) format and Stephanie feels it's very beneficial.
 - iii. Reinstein Library (**3/10 Meeting at PANERA near Maple and Transit from 10-12:30**) Network / Network #5: Pat Kotz
 - iv. Middle School Network: Donn Riggi & Megan Moelbert - recently met and 10 people attended!! Next meeting is 3/19 at the Ebenezer Ale House. The topic will be NEW LITERATURE
 - v. High School Network: Laura Penn - Next meeting is 3/8 at El Ranchito. The topic is GENREFICATION.
 - vi. Retired Librarians Group - NO REPORT
10. Twitter - membership picture - Lydia Wrobel
11. Good of the Order
12. Program: *School Library Programs and Community Engagement* - **Presentation by WNYLRC, our new partner, about their amazing services (grants for digitizing, NY Heritage, Tech Talk,**



WORKSHOPS) that we ALL have access to. Check them out at www.wnylrc.org. Great presentation!!! Then Christine Sutton from the Akron Public discussed her collaborative efforts with Laura Penn in the Akron Schools. Such as, SCREENAGERS documentary, highlighted books, promoting programs at each location and more. The final presentation was an inspiring presentation from Donn Riggi and Megan Moelbert about their successes with Battle of the Books teams in their middle schools. Donn started her Battle of the Books competitions several years ago and now has extended it outside of her building with 10 schools now competing against each other! Members expressed interest in working together to extend these competitions into the elementary and high school levels. Donn also shared her Coffee House program at Alden Middle School which provides an exciting opportunity for students to share original poetry and participate in poetry activities. Megan shared her success with Family Literacy Night that has grown from its beginning in Hamburg Middle to a district-wide event. Megan and Donn are both happy to share any additional information and resources to anyone interested.

Executive Board Members:

Christie Waterman: President | Stephanie Devaney: President-Elect | Laura Penn: Past President
Jim Clark: Secretary | Susan Walterich: Treasurer & Membership Chair

Standing Committee Chairs:

Lydia Wrobel, Katie LaFever, Stephanie Pritchard: Public Relations Committee
OPEN: Mentoring Committee
Megan Moelbert: Awards Committee | Haley Warren: Web Site Management

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