

Memo to: White Plains Public Library Board of Trustees  
From: Libby Hollahan  
Date: Oct. 1, 2014  
Re: Library Foundation Report

The Foundation's fall City-wide newsletter was mailed the week of September 15.

**Fundraising:**

Our fundraising for Phase II is continuing. We have raised \$95,000 for this area so far. The Foundation annual appeal will go out in late November.

**Grants:**

--Shinnyo-en Foundation: I have begun discussions with Shinnyo-en Foundation for a second year of funding for the Collaborative Grant program. Grant amount will be around the same amount (\$22,800 this year) and is expected to include support for participation in the spring National Service Learning Conference and the summer Shinnyo-en Annual Retreat.

--Allstate: Our grant check for 2015 has been received. For 2015, the grant will cover a full calendar year of Job Club and career programs (part of the economic empowerment focus area), as well as a continuation of teen safe driving programs.

--Target: We received a grant of \$2,000 as part of Target's Early Reading initiative. The grant program is "Common Core Bag-A-Tales;" it includes buying new science and math themed books for the Trove's book bags that are circulated as a set with teaching materials, and family reading activities based around science themes during the year.

**Events:** On October 9, the Foundation is holding a new special event, the "**Library Dough Raiser.**" Twelve White Plains restaurants are participating and will donate to the Foundation 20% of receipts from diners who bring in a special voucher. The vouchers are included in the City Wide Newsletter and will also be distributed in the Library at the circulation desks. Proceeds of the event will be used for the Trove (updated technology as well as programs).

November 8: **Ninth Annual Fall Gala: Stories to Inspire Us** Honorees are Philip Kent, White Plains native, foundation donor in honor of his parents, and former head of Turner Broadcasting; the Friends of the White Plains Public Library, and Latino U. The Gala will also kick off the Trove's 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday Year. Fred Singleton and Jen DeMilio will again co-chair. Invitations are going out this week.

Plans for our inaugural **Spelling Bee** are underway; Beth Roach and Beth Kava will co-chair. Modeled after Scarsdale Library's event. Scheduled for Friday, Feb. 27, 2015 (snow date Friday, March 6, 2015) at Highlands auditorium. We are reaching out to a celebrity emcee and judges, and will begin recruiting teams of spellers shortly. This event will also raise funds for The Trove's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**White Plains Library Foundation**  
**Minutes of Board of Directors Regular Meeting**  
**July 23, 2014**

The regular meeting of the White Plains Library Foundation Board of Directors was called to order by President Nick Wolff at 9:08 a.m. in Galaxy Hall at the White Plains Public Library. Directors in attendance were: Jim Benerofe, Yuki Haynes, Susan Hecht, Gregory Keenan, Brian Kenney, Barbara Loucks, Paul Schwarz, J. Frederick Singleton, Diane Tabakman and Nick Wolff. Absent with notice were Denise D'Ambrosio, Richard Hecht, Joan Kass, Beth Kava, Richard Kaye, G. Frederick Perkins, Jr. , Marjolein Mooney, Gail Schwartz. Also present were Foundation Executive Director Libby Hollahan, Assistant Library Director Kathy Degyansky and Secretary to the Library Director, Sandra McDaniel.

**Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 25, 2014**

The minutes of the regular meeting of June 25, 2014 were approved on a MOTION by Paul Schwarz, seconded by Jim Benerofe.

**President's Report**

President Wolff remarked that the Gala committee was meeting soon and he is pleased that Philip Kent is among the honorees.

**Library Director's Report**

Mr. Kenney mentioned the busy schedule of summer programming in The Edge and noted that there is a need for additional staffing to cover The Edge especially from 3:30-6:30 p.m. Mr. Kenney remarked that Adult Services Librarians Miriam Varian and Elizabeth Hughes were retiring. Librarian Varian was responsible for the local history collection and Librarian Hughes was responsible for ESL classes, Homebound Services as well as liaison to the Friends of the Library. Library Director Kenney stated that he would be hiring in those two positions and it would give us a chance to reconfigure staffing to address the Library's needs.

**Committee Reports**

Mr. Keenan discussed the Dough Raiser fundraiser and noted that he had signed up a few businesses and described the best ways to present the request for donations to the restaurants. Ms. Hollahan distributed the materials to be used with the restaurants and will also email them materials to the Board.

Mr. Singleton stated that he and his co-chair for the Gala, Jen DeMilio were in the process of getting donations for the raffle and that the next Gala Committee meeting would be held on July 29. Ms. Hollahan stated that the third honoree for the Gala would be Latino U, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to increase college enrollment among first-generation Latino youth.

Ms. Hollahan noted that the Spelling Bee Committee would report to the board in September.

**Executive Director's Report**

Ms. Hollahan reviewed her written report and distributed the White Plains School District newsletter which mentioned the 6<sup>th</sup> grade visits to the Library in May. Ms. Hollahan also discussed National Night Out event that would be held on August 5<sup>th</sup> at the Public Safety building and noted that volunteers from Allstate would be attending. Assistant Library Director Degyansky remarked that Barnes & Noble City Center and the Library were working collaboratively on the August 3<sup>rd</sup> Bookfair where James Patterson would be signing books. Ms. Degyansky remarked that the Library would be promoting it through social media with some of the proceeds to benefit the Foundation.

**Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Hecht was unable to attend due to a conflict. Ms. Hollahan stated that there was not too much activity to report and that the Finance Committee and the auditors would be meeting on August 5.

On a MOTION by Fred Singleton, seconded by Jim Benerofe, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

  
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Nicholas Wolff, President/Secretary