

Memo to: White Plains Public Library Board of Trustees
From: Libby Hollahan
Date: Dec. 3, 2014
Re: Library Foundation Report

Fundraising:

Annual Appeal mailing is complete as of today.

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 (a workshop to be presented by Brian Kenney, Jody Kennedy, and two students) and the summer Shinnyo-en Annual Retreat. Our Shinnyo-en Edge grant (\$50,000) wraps up November 30, and provided \$29,000 for technology, \$15,000 for furnishings, and \$6,000 for programs.

Part of our current "Collaborative Grant Program," there will be a Teen Community Service Film Festival on January 15 in The Edge. Trustees will be invited. It will showcase the teen PSAs made in our summer TV production workshop, and include a community service activity benefiting Meals on Wheels of White Plains.

--Allstate: Through the grant we will be co-sponsoring a safe driving advocate at a WPHS assembly of 1000 students on Dec. 10.

--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: The **Ninth Annual Fall Gala** was very successful and well-received. Many thanks to our Co-Chairs Fred Singleton and Jen DeMilio and their terrific committee.

Plans for our inaugural **Spelling Bee** are underway; Beth Roach and Beth Kava will co-chair. 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. Event proceeds will be used in The Trove.

**White Plains Library Foundation
Minutes of Board of Directors Regular Meeting
October 22, 2014**

The regular meeting of the White Plains Library Foundation Board of Directors was called to order by President Nick Wolff at 9:07 a.m. in Galaxy Hall at the White Plains Public Library. Directors in attendance were: Brian Kenney, Barbara Loucks, Joan Kass, Beth Kava, Marjolein Mooney, G. Frederick Perkins, Jr., Gail Schwartz, J. Frederick Singleton, Diane Tabakman and Nick Wolff. Absent with notice were Jim Benerofe, Denise D'Ambrosio, Yuki Haynes, Richard Hecht, Susan Hecht, Gregory Keenan, Richard Kaye, Paul Schwarz. 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 September 17, 2014

The minutes of the regular meeting of September 17, 2014 were approved on a MOTION by Fred Perkins, seconded by Diane Tabakman.

President's Report

President Wolff discussed the results of a survey about meeting times and a proposed schedule of 2015 meetings based on the survey. The recommendation was to alternate between morning and evening meetings. Board members commented on a few of the dates and Ms. Hollahan will distribute a final schedule at the next meeting. President Wolff asked for volunteers to help develop several policies the board needs to put in place to be eligible to apply for New York State grants. Ms. Schwartz and Ms. Tabakman volunteered; work will begin on this after the Gala.

Library Director's Report

Mr. Kenney reviewed a recent statistical summary of Westchester libraries published by WLS. It showed that WPPL was leading the field in most of the important categories, including circulation and programs.

Committee Reports

Ms. Hollahan reported that the Dough Raiser had brought in donations in the range of \$1500-2000 total, and she was still collecting from the restaurants. Board members commented on their experiences and also noted that we might be able to recruit more restaurants if we held the event on a Tuesday or Wednesday when business is slower and the restaurants want to attract new customers.

Mr. Singleton gave an update on the Gala and said that we will have a great Silent Auction and Raffle with a lot of exciting items. Ms. Kava reported on the Spelling Bee committee and asked board members to start recruiting teams.

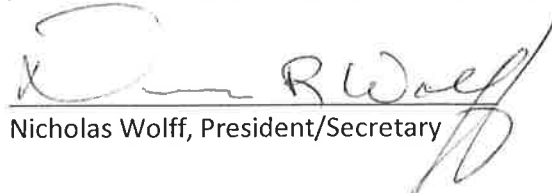
Executive Director's Report

Ms. Hollahan reviewed her written report. She noted that Gala RSVPs were coming in and were on track with last year but said this year's honorees were not expected to draw as many guests as last year's/

Treasurer's Report

In Mr. Hecht's absence, Ms. Hollahan reviewed the most recent financial reports and also mentioned that Treasurer Hecht had acted upon Wells Fargo's recommendations to generate more income in the Perkins and Reader's Digest accounts.

On a MOTION by Diane Tabakman, seconded by ^{Gail Schwartz} ~~Yuki Haynes~~, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.


Nicholas Wolff, President/Secretary