

Director's Report

February 19, 2016- March 25, 2016

Skelos Grant

It is becoming apparent that the generator project would require a major financial commitment beyond the \$25,000 granted. As Michael Simon mentions in his report, we hope to have rough estimates from generator installation companies by the time of this meeting. Michael will share with us details from his conversation with a Suffolk County library director who recently did a generator installation. Please keep in mind, the feasibility study alone would be over \$10,000. Before we proceed with the feasibility study, I would like to ascertain the Board's financial commitment to this project. How would the Board like to proceed?

Meeting Room Request

Nassau County Girl Scouts requests use of meeting room space on Thursdays, April 7 and April 21 from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. The expected attendance is 10 scouts.

Personnel

Nancy Hoffman, f/t library clerk announced her retirement effective April 30. Ms. Hoffman, a dedicated and highly competent employee for almost 28 years, will be personally and professionally missed. Ms. Hoffman has been the backbone of our technical services department as she orders the majority of materials for the Library.

Arlene Toback, p/t clerk, tendered her resignation effective February 23. It is recommended that Lisa Steinberg be appointed to the p/t clerk position.

LBNY Arts Council Proposal

Andrew Hornberger from the LBNY Arts Council is joining us at this month's meeting to present proposals from two international muralists who have offered to create murals as a tribute to the City of Long Beach. Scherezade Garcia is a professor at Parsons and Julia Santos Solomon is a former professor at Parsons and Ms. Garcia's mentor and friend. Both artists came to Long Beach and were taken by the library façade and would like the Library Board to consider allowing them to create works of art directly on the front of the Library building.

FEMA Funds

Please see the attached FEMA information requested at the last meeting. Jill Lessard prepared this document which shows the four FEMA cases:

1. Debris Removal
2. Safety Inspection
3. Special Category - includes HVAC, solar panels and the elevator.
4. Facilities - the largest category which includes books and materials, computers, furnishings etc.

The Facilities case is still open and in process. You will see detail for each category in the document.

3D Printing Technology

3D printing is an important technological development that is transforming many careers and industries. Public libraries on Long Island and across the country are assuming a leading role in the effort to help students build the skills and competencies they need to thrive in a high-tech world. We would like to join the Long Beach schools in providing students with this opportunity.

Long Beach resident and parent, Siegy Adler and the Alan Greenberg Foundation have each pledged \$1000 dollars toward the purchase of a 3D printer for the Library. The Long Beach Friends of the Library have pledged \$500. Alan Greenberg is working on other possible donations. A rough estimate from two verbal quotes for a 3D printer and supplies would be approximately \$3000 – \$3800. How would the Board like to proceed?

Music Festivals

The 6th Annual Folk-2-Funk Festival was held on March 18-20. A total of 786 attendees enjoyed 8 sets of music and a craft project on Sunday. I attended the Friday night performances and really enjoyed the music and the relaxing ambience in the Auditorium. It was a lovely evening.

Jazz Festival organizer Steve Adelson requests funding to begin scheduling performers for the Long Beach Jazz Festival scheduled for September 15-18, 2016. Last year over 2700 people attended this highly regarded music festival which has become a community-wide celebration with local establishments hosting tandem events, which is great for the local economy. Mr. Adelson requests \$5900, the same amount as last year.

As requested at last month's Board meeting, the total cost of each festival was provided by the festival organizers. See attached.

Bank Signatories

It is imperative we have at least three signatories from the Board. The Board must advise which members will be bank signatories.

Arts Grant

Thanks to the efforts and inspiration of Edie Kalickstein, I am thrilled to announce that the Long Beach Public Library was awarded a 2016 NYSCA Long Island Creative Communities Grant, in partnership with the Huntington Arts Council in the amount of \$4,794. Congratulations Edie and thank you!

Budget Review Meeting

The budget vote is on Tuesday, May 17. It has been past practice to hold a special meeting close to the vote as a reminder that the vote is coming up and a last chance for the community to ask questions about the budget. I request that this meeting be held on Wednesday, May 11 at 7 p.m.

West End Branch Book Club

The new book group kicked off on Thursday, March 24 at 7 PM with eight people attending, of varying ages, which made for a good discussion. I've had favorable comments about the leader, Mary Mauceri and the branch being a conducive atmosphere for a book discussion. The next meeting of the book group will take place on May 4 with a discussion of *Mr. Penumbra's 24-hour Book Store* by Robin Sloan. We will be sure to promote the event with the West End Civic Association, and have flyers at select locations around town.

A special thank you to Barbara Mosca for recommending presenter Joanne Wolff who gave a terrific program on Astrology at the Library on March 22. The members of the audience stood up and gave Ms. Wolff a round of applause at the end of the program, which is unusual.

Meetings/Workshops attended:

LBNY Arts Council meeting, Magnolia Community Center, February 23

Nassau Digital Doorway consortium meetings, February 24 & March 16

JASA Long Beach Advisory Committee, JASA offices, Walnut Street, March 4

Long Beach Latino Civic Association Meeting, Housing Authority office, March 7

Privacy Toolkit for Librarians Workshop, Farmingdale Public Library, March 22

Member Library Directors Meeting, Nassau Library System, March 23

South Shore Reads Committee Meeting, Lynbrook Library, March 24