



2nd Chapter Meeting FY 2018-2019
Friday December 14, 2018 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Host: Passaic Public Library, Mario González, Library Director
Passaic, N.J. 07055

Executive Board Members for 2018-2019

Evelyn Muriel Cooper, President; Adriana Blancarte-Hayward, Vice President;
Linda Caycedo, Secretary; Manny Figueroa, Treasurer; Susan Paredes, Past President

Attendees: (24)

Evelyn Muriel-Cooper, Susan Paredes, Manny Figueroa, Mario M González,
Fred Gitner, Elizabeth Garcia, Vilma Daza, Adriana Blancarte- Hayward, Vilma Alvarez,
Loida Garcia-Febo, Madeline Peña, Maria Cotto, Louis Muñoz, Tess Tobin, Linda
Goodman, Elisa Garcia, Ingeburg Portales, Michelle Ferrera, Jose Romero, Asuncion
Cora, Juan Antonio Corera, Miguel Angeles, Alternate to Mayor Joseph Buga
Via teleconference: Libby Romero, Alexandra Gomez
Absent : Linda Caycedo

11:00 am Tour of Julius Forstmann Main Library

12:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm Membership meeting

1. WELCOME Evelyn Muriel-Cooper, RNE Chapter President

2. INTRODUCTION

Evelyn welcomed everyone and thanked Mario González, the Library Director of the Passaic Library and his staff for hosting the 2nd RNE Chapter annual meeting. She also acknowledged Rosen Publishing, REFORMA President Madeline Pena and ALA President Loida Garcia-Febo for joining the 2nd RNE Chapter meeting.

3. PRESENTATIONS

Mario González - Julius Forstmann Main Library

Mario González shared the various library services offered at Passaic Library serving the Hispanic community and shared new immigrant services for DACA. The Passaic Library assists new comers with ESOL classes and assists with preparation for High School equivalency. He announced current local vacant job positions and active RNE members.

Loida Garcia-Febo - President of ALA

Evelyn introduced Loida Garcia-Febo, President of ALA. Loida thanked everyone for being at the RNE Chapter's second meeting. She announced a new initiative from ALA/APA on health and wellness for library workers. Loida announced this Winter's ALA Midyear Meeting in Seattle, WA, Registration will start this Saturday 12/15/18 and the ALA midwinter meeting will be held from January 25-29, 2019. Loida plans to spend 5 wks in Springfield, Massachusetts to advocate for how libraries are strengthening communities. She is working on a social media webinar. She encouraged members to please check the website and follow her via instagram, facebook, twitter, etc.

Madeline Peña- President of REFORMA National

Evelyn introduced Madeline Peña, President of REFORMA National.

Madeline stated that she is glad to join RNE and was impressed by how active the RNE is on a local and national level. She is committed to promoting and supporting active members and working collaboratively. It is one of REFORMA's missions and she is still involved with California REFORMA, networks and sharing ideas to strengthen the overall organization. She offered to post RNE events and award announcements in the REFORMA National Newsletter via email.

She is planning to attend ALA Mid-Winter 2019 in Seattle, WA. She will be attending meetings to stay actively involved with REFORMA members nationwide. She stated, "We are all important and we depend on each other and to continue to encourage other professionals to remain involved with REFORMA." Tess Tobin and Manny Figueroa are involved more now on the National level. She is working on professional development and fundraising for REFORMA. Hopefully this will be happening in June and we will work on the Hispanic Congress.

Supporting Loida's advocacy for Mid-winter 2019 - Noche de Cuentos is planned for Saturday night - REFORMA will host the family initiative for family reading, Noche de Cuentos Saturday 9pm-11pm. In keeping with tradition Madeline is inviting Spanish speaking families. There is a need for mini-grants. Story tellers are welcome for Noche de Cuentos. Sunday - REFORMA will host by Invitation Only - a private party in the Presidential suite. To be announced soon.

Loida noted if you are attending ALA Mid-winter, there will be construction, transportation will be disrupted. Prepare accordingly.

SAD NEWS -

Loida announced the tragic loss of colleague Amber Clark, branch supervisor of Sacramento Public Library, North Natomas Branch on December 11, 2018.

Louis suggested we send a letter of condolence. Madeline said she will send a letter of condolence from REFORMA National. See ALA Press Release for details on where to send condolences and donations to her Memorial Fund.

<http://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2018/12/library-community-grieves-tragic-loss-ber-clark-sacramento-public-library>.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Evelyn motioned to the RNE Chapter Mtg minutes for **4/13/18 and 8/24/18**

After review, with corrections noted, the minutes were approved and passed. Manny Figueroa seconded the motion for approval. Louis motioned for the second meeting meetings to be approved. Adriana seconded - ALL in favor NONE opposed.

5. RNE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Update- Adriana announced that the RNE Chapter has 85 members. Members are notified a month in advance of membership expiration and are sent two reminders, also a welcoming email an an invitation to join in person. Evelyn invited RNE members to continue as Chairperson of committees.

Lifetime Achievement Award Committee - Libbhy will remain chairperson

In addition Louis officially presented to Tess Tobin, on behalf of Libbhy Romero, the 2017-2018 Lifetime Achievement Award. The plaque was not available at the last Joint Mini Conference June 2018.

Finance - Treasurer's Report

Manny Figueroa - Current RNE Balance \$10,000.00. Manny thanked Mario for assisting him in his role as treasurer. At the meeting, Manny collected donations for discretionary expenses and the scholarship fund and overall RNE contributions for events, etc. Tess allocated money from the Westchester and joint mini conference. Manny requested that Tess indicate on a label the money she had gathered for both events and where the funds should be allocated to. Scholarship Donations collected were \$131.00.

Debit Card - In the past, Manny had to reimburse himself for the cost of some expenses needed for the RNE Chapter on the day of specific RNE events. However, there is a need for transparency, therefore it was decided that RNE needed its own debit card. As the treasurer, Manny will be responsible for ensuring the account is up to date.

6. State Coordinators update -

Evelyn announced RNE State Representatives. Manny suggested to get in contact with other members to see if they would like to serve as state coordinators for REFORMA NE

State Coordinators (website needs to be updated)

Conn. - Vacant

Mass. - Needs to be confirmed

N.Y. - Elizabeth Garcia

N.J. - Louis Muñoz and Tess Tobin

Penn. - Needs to be confirmed

R.I. - Maria Cotto

Maria passed out some flyers - As Bilingual Children Librarian she is coordinating the 6th year of Latino Book Month with 18 public schools participating. Maria is working also with Rhode Island Latino Arts, presenting 2 Latino authors this year and with Rhode Island's Children Festival with Latino authors, Latino Books Month. Promoting Latino Books, authors and literacy. She won the outstanding Librarian Award- specializes for children in special needs. Barbara Welch, collaboration, started doing meetings and expanded special needs, autism and together they created a group. Cyber Award: books for nonfiction - need for votes, 2021- award March, April will be notified if she gets selected for the committee, Members of ALSC are able to vote., Maria Cotto and Madeline connected and will share news and updates for the REFORMA National newsletter.

7. BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Louis, who is also is working with REFORMA National, distributed copies of the RNE BYLAWS with recommendations regarding clarifying roles and responsibilities of past and current officers. Tess suggested that the RNE Exec Board review before presenting any changes at the next meeting. Madeline shared past experiences of handling and removing inactive members. Possible actions include drafting an official resignation document or conducting an executive board vote. Louis will work on the resignation statement and add it to the BYLAWS - Fred suggested clarifying the BYLAWS in regard to

health related reasons for resigning. Louis will work on the CLAUSES to be added in BYLAWS. It was suggested to have the Chapter Secretary be on the Communications Committee. It was also suggested to add a clause to remove the President, or any Executive Board member, that does not fulfill his/her duties.

Vote on passing the BYLAWS was tabled for now and will be voted on at the next RNE meeting.

8. UPDATES

**3rd Annual Spanish Book Buzz Update -
Friday January 18, 2019 at Penguin Random House, NY.**

Evelyn thanked Alexandra and the SBB committee for all their efforts in setting up the upcoming 2019 Spanish Book Buzz event. Exhibitor payments have been received from 5 Spanish vendors. Three presenters of children's & YA, authors are scheduled. Assignments and tasks will be communicated via email as the dates are approaching.

The new manager Andy from Penguin Random House will provide new books. Adriana requested attendees register via the EVENTBRITE link and join us via email.

Louis suggested inviting Adam Silvera, from the Bronx, but he has moved to LA. Tess Tobin added the Judith Rivas Award to the agenda

Judith Rivas Award (\$500) - Tess mentioned that the previous winner of the \$500.00 grant was Millie Gonzalez. Application update will be announced in January, winner announced in April and given at the May 2019 Joint Mini Conference.- Information needs to be updated on the website.

Madeline requested sharing announcements with REFORMA NET for the next RNE- net listserv.

Lillian Marrero Scholarship - Information needs to be updated on website. Louis spoke about the Lillian Marrero Scholarship - recipient receives \$1,000 MLIS.

Luis clarified of amount and distribution of the RNE Chapter Scholarship of \$1,000.00 (two checks for 500.00 each) which will be presented at two RNE meetings to the successful candidate. Tess suggested a vote on the amount and made a motion for the approval. Manny seconded the motion. All members agreed unanimously.

Requirement: must be active and participating RNE member. Michelle, who was present at the meeting might be a potential candidate. Students are encouraged to take advantage of the scholarship. Louis will work on updating the deadline and submission forms to be added on the website. MLS student applicants must join RNE or start getting actively involved in upcoming chapter meetings or events.

Emails will be sent January 1 - April 1 2019. RNE LM Scholarship committee will review applications, decide and notify recipient by April 15, 2019. Stipends are given between the Mini Conference on May 10th, 2019 and the 2nd RNE Chapter Mtg.

Fundraising - RNE website is open for online donations. Evelyn encourages all to use and share the link. The Casa del Fuego Fundraising Dinner was not approved. Linda Goodman suggested having a fundraiser in Flushing - Chinese restaurant. Executive Board needs to discuss, confirm and share with membership. In addition, Manny suggested that this task should be handled with the Fundraising Committee to discuss planning and other options.

There were other fundraising ideas suggested: selling merchandise (shot glasses, tshirts, etc.), raffle tickets at meetings and RNE events, hosting a Sunday party, promoting GOFUNDME acct., SILENT AUCTION, Potluck Dinner (\$25.00), **smile.amazon.com**. Evelyn's goal is to make a difference with the RNE Scholarship, and thanked everyone for their suggestions and feedback.

Joint Mini Conference 2019 - May 10th, 2019. Promote call for proposals.

Theme: "Books without Boundaries Build the Bridge to a Borderless World." Langston Hughes Library, Corona, Queens, NY 11:00 am - 4:00 pm.

9. NOVEDADES:

Vilma Alvarez announced an event: Bank Street College: Conference- Latinx -March 9 2019- Loida will be there for opening remarks and the keynote speaker will be Duncan Tonatiuh, Mexican author. The Alternate to the Mayor, Joseph Buga of the city of Passaic provided special treats and tote bags for the attendees. Passaic NJ brochures were distributed to the membership.

Fred - attended a recent Archives of Puerto Rico event, with a talk and exhibit of photos history of the cultural institutions; The Archivists Roundtable sponsored the fundraising event, Promoted NYPL, QPL and BPL joint services for Immigrants,(NYCitizenship). 4 days a week. Also assistance for obtaining a green card,, NYC Mayor Office of Immigrant Affairs offers citizenship legal assistance at, four libraries in each system, both citizenship assistance and financial literacy. QL also offers Citizenship Prep classes.

Linda Goodman is now working at Rosen Publishing. She has closed Bilingual Publishing Company.

Madeline Peña follows the L.A. Chapter of REFORMA and mentioned the Children in Crisis Campaign.

Adriana is working with KIND (Kids in Need of Defense) RNE sent boxes of donated Children's books to their Manhattan site for their Holiday party through NYPL's Early Literacy Dept. Madeline thanked Linda Goodman for donating books.

Vilma Alvarez from NYPL shared job readiness program for adults who are interested in applying for jobs in the United States.

Manny mentioned the Alt. to the Mayor Joseph Buga as a possible candidate for RNE Honorary Membership. Tess suggested further discussion.

Fred motioned to adjourn the meeting. Madeline seconded. Motion was carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:36pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 18th, 2019 RNE Chapter 3rd Annual Spanish Book Buzz
Penguin Random House NY 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
- January 25-29, 2019 ALA Midwinter Conference
Seattle, Washington
- February 8th, 2019 3rd RNE Chapter Mtg
Lillian Marrero Library Philadelphia, PA
11:00 am - 4:00 pm
- May 10th, 2019 RNE Annual Mini-Conference
Langston Hughes Community Library, QPL
Corona, NY 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
- June 20-25, 2019 ALA Annual Conference Washington DC

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***Minutes taken by Susan Paredes in the absence of RNE Secretary, Linda Caycedo.
Any needed revisions should be sent to Linda Caycedo lacoqui@gmail.com***

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