

**LECNYS Executive Board Meeting
March 6, 2012**

President Rosanne Perla called the Executive Board meeting to order at 4:30pm. Members present in addition to the President were Luigi Tozzi, Barbara Gordon, Chris Caskey, Laura Rouse, Denise Mahns and Diane Burke.

Secretary's Report: Diane Burke

- The secretary's report from 12/15/2011 had been previously distributed to board members through email. The minutes were approved.

New Board Members: Rosanne Perla

- The LECNY board welcomes Laura Rouse and Tracy Brady to the executive board. Once elections are held, Laura will be our new vice-president and Tracy will be our 2nd vice-president.

SUPER/LECNYS Report: Barbara Gordon

- Barbara read the letter and report that she sent to the SUPER coordinator. She will forward a copy to all board members via email.

Treasurer's Report: Luigi Tozzi

- LECNY checking account has \$4,826.94 to date.
- A break-down of expenses and deposits from 1/5/12 to present was shared with board members.
- Luigi has contacted a representative from H&R Block to discuss LECNY's IRS status. LECNY is not currently registered with the IRS; because our assets are so few, however, this is not a problem for tax-reporting purposes.
- LECNY currently has an EIN # for tax-exempt status. There is some confusion about whether or not we have tax-exempt status without registering.

Scholarships: Rosanne Perla

- Shoudy Scholarship:
 - Barb Gordon suggested that Chris contact the Post-Standard with information about the Shoudy scholarship.
- LECNY Scholarships:
 - This year, we will offer 3 \$150 scholarships.
 - Chris Caskey, Diane Burke, Laura Rouse and Barbara Gordon will serve on the scholarship review committee.
 - For next year, we would like to consider the possibility of also offering a \$50 scholarship for an outstanding middle school language student.

May Celebration: Rosanne Perla

- Rosanne has contacted Traditions at the Links (waiting for a response) and Drumlins about the May Celebration. Drumlins is available on May 2 and May 16 with a rental fee of \$200.
- The board also discussed the possibility of holding the celebration at a local library (possibly Fayetteville).

- The board will finalize plans for the event via email.

Membership: Denise Mahns

- LECNY membership (including renewals made at SUPER/LECNY) is currently 72 members.
- Denise sent emails to all non-members who attended SUPER/LECNY inviting them to join our organization. She received no responses.
- We do not have a record of any memberships that were renewed at our September or November events.
- Denise would like to create 2 separate mailing lists. One mailing list will be for members only. The other list will be used to send newsletters to all language teachers in the area.
 - We will contact NYSAFLT about the possibility of obtaining a list of email addresses for local LOTE teachers.

Facebook: Chris Caskey

- LECNY's facebook page currently has 56 likes.
- We will ask Barb Allen to include information about our facebook page in the next newsletter.
- Chris will upload pictures and video to the facebook page.

Next Meeting

- The board will meet in June, although an exact date has not been chosen.
- Before the next meeting, board members should start thinking about potential locations for the November Regional meeting.