North Central Library District
DAC Meeting
March 11, 2009

The meeting of the District Advisory Council was called to order at 10:10 AM on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at the JV Brown Library. The presiding officer was Melissa Rowse. Members present were Carol Roinick-Sullivan County Library, Richard Miller-McBride Memorial Library, Hall Pratt-Bloomsburg Public Library, Charles Ormsbee-NCLD, Ann Phillips-JV Brown Library, Barbara McGary-NCLD, Karen Temple-NCLD, Anne Kruger-Commonwealth of PA Libraries, Janet Gigee-Spaulding Memorial Library, June Houghtaling-Towanda Public Library, Tracy Carey-Union County Library System, Amy Woodcock-Milton Public Library, John Meckley-Milton Public Library, Bob Mummey-Milton Public Library, and Shelby Kinsey-Blossburg Memorial Library.

One correct was made in the minutes from the November 19, 2008. Letters of intent for Keystone Grants are due by January 30, 2009, not January 20, 2009. A motion was made by Rick to approve the minutes and a second was made by Tracy.

An update from the Commonwealth of PA Libraries was given by Ann Kruger. Friends and Trustees are encouraged to attend the two day institute 'Trustees and Friend Together: Using Best Practices for Better Libraries'. The subject of waivers for libraries was discussed at the GAC meeting on March 10, 2009. It was stated that waivers will be difficult to obtain. The code will be followed and libraries must present a plan when applying for a waiver. The kick off for PA One Book will take place on March 31, 2009.

Barb spoke about updating the DAC by-laws. The by-laws state that there should be a minimum of 9 members on the DAC with 30% of the members being librarians and 30% being trustees. New terms will begin in October of 2009. The by-laws state that the meetings must be held at the district center. A change was recommended, so that meetings can be held at libraries throughout the district. A motion was made by Tracy to accept the changes to the by-laws and a second was made by Ann Philips.

A discussion was held about forming a Librarians' Round Table which will meet quarterly. It was suggested that the meetings include presentations (peer training) by its members. A motion was made by Hal and a second was given by Tracy to try the Librarians' Round Table for one year.

Karen commented on the statistics on library usage of district databases. Library usage of Learning Express needs to increase in order to make this database cost effective.

Barb presented two options for the new district budget. There was a 2.3% cut in the budget. The first option is without the Learning Express database. The second option

includes the Learning Express database. Charles spoke about the many benefits of the services that Learning Express provides for library patrons. Libraries are encouraged to contact Charles for promotional materials. There will be a vote on the budget at the June meeting.

There will be a multi district workshop of June 10, 2009. Karen would like libraries to send in an updated e-mail list for Friends, trustees and political figures in your community.

Charles spoke about statewide content management concerning websites in PA libraries. Contribute is a recommended website editor. It is available through Techsoup for $20.

Barb addressed continuing education opportunities. Space for workshops is available in the new children's wing at the JV Brown library. The district is looking into purchasing webinars the address board development. Library boards should go through the trustee toolkit every 5 years.

USDA funding applications are available to libraries. Libraries are encouraged to make a wish list to include everything from bricks and mortar to technology.

The meeting was adjourned at 12 PM by Melissa.

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