

Meeting of the Regional Steering Committee for the North Central Libraries Wednesday, November 16, 2011

James V Brown Library, Lowry Room
Handicapped accessible

Introductions of those attending: Melissa Rowse, David LaFrance, Jennifer Johnston, Diane Whitaker, Alice Zaikoski, Barbara McGary, Jody Cole; Lynn Williams 11am; Roberta Greene 11:40am.

Minutes of September 14, 2011, moved for approval by David LaFrance; seconded by Jennifer Johnston. Approved.

Updates and Announcements from the State:

- Districts vs. Regions – State is moving towards 8 regions, where in the past there were 29 districts. Regions will be funded by plans, as opposed to populations. North Central is a top performing district/region in the state. Barbara will be attending a meeting in Harrisburg on November 28 with other district administrators to discuss with the state what regionalization means and how to proceed.
- 2010 Census Statistics – please use new 2010 Census populations in all future reports.
- Weeding Patrons – the state advises to delete patrons after two years of inactivity
- PA One Book – Every library will receive 3 hardback books of Stop Snoring Bernard (an otter).
- Getting on Board Packets - passed out to those libraries present; 9 packets per library. If need more contact Melissa.
- Summer Reading Program Manuals – also passed out to each library. Peer trainers needed - If you have a children's librarian, youth coordinator or staff member interested in presenting the summer reading program and sharing ideas with other libraries. Please give names to Melissa. 2012 Theme: Dream Big. (Jennifer - teen outreach)

Results of Library Visits/Surveys and feedback from libraries – Melissa visited 36 of 40 libraries. Survey showed the three main topics were Director Training, Technology and Board of Trustees Training.

District Structure – Barbara McGary went over the Agreement for the Provision of District Services within the North Central Library District/Region. There is an opening for a District Consultant approx. \$45,000 available for salary. What does the region need? What are Melissa Rowse, District Consultant's, duties? David suggested a part-time technology person. Do we hire two part-times for separate jobs ex. technology and advocacy facilitator? Questions and comments should be made to Barbara or Melissa.

Recap of Customer Service Training – 54 registered, 51 attended; great program all around.

Ideas for Trustee & Friends Training – Spring 2012 – Friends structure & membership; Marketing; Fundraising; Collaboration with other groups; State law; advocacy; Gathering new members.

Regional Goals – PA Forward Presentations; Regional advocacy campaign; Develop partnerships; and Regional resource sharing – Does the regional steering committee feel these are still the regions interests/needs? Next meeting will be use to create action steps for these goals. Who, what, when, where, and evaluation tools.

Deadlines & Dates

- Tumblebooks subscriptions survey monkey survey due November 23 (District will pay \$200 of the \$400 cost) Cost can be considered part of the collection budget reported in the annual report and is considered as part of the 12% requirement.
- Plans for Use of State Aid due November 21
- Getting on Board & PA Forward registration due November 30; workshop Dec ember 7
- Public Library Association Conference in Philadelphia March 13-17 2012
- NEXT Meeting – Wednesday, March 21, 2012

Meeting ended at 12:01pm

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Whitaker, Secretary