



General Membership Meeting
Broyhill Inn & Conference Center
Boone, North Carolina
August 29, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Greg Needham at 9:05 a.m.

The Wilkes County newspapers did a write up about State Librarian Mary Boone's visit.

State Library Report – State Librarian Mary Boone

- Review the State Library Strategic Plan which was launched 7/1/08 (see the plan at http://statelibrary.dcr.state.nc.us/about/strategicPlan_0608.pdf). One of the words found both in the Mission and Goals and Objectives is *catalyst* and during the planning process this word was much discussed as the best way to describe how the State Library is seen; as the organization that helps other organizations do what they need to do. An example of this is when an N & O article came out about the cancellation of the NC Literary Festival due to lack of funds (see *Librarians say book festival future is bleak*; Published: November 25, 2007, N & O archives). After reading the article, Mary contacted the library directors involved asking if LSTA funds were available, would it make a difference? This was a catalyst. They began looking for further funding and were able to announce that the festival was back on (see *Moesser finds money to revive N.C. Literary Festival for '09*; Published: December 21, 2007, N & O archives). The State Library will be a partner in the Festival for the first time and it will have a broader scope; a more statewide program. The State Library is an “expert center”. Mary then continued to go over the Strategic Plan.
- Reconstitute the State Library Commission's Public Library Development Committee – start over again.
- Updating S.L. website.
- North Carolina Administrative Code – State Library is in Chapter 2 (Title 07 Cultural Resources) – The whole chapter is being revised next year, and current subchapters A through F will be repealed and replaced with new subchapters G through J.
- Grant Pair – report – Grant has a new job title: Assistant State Librarian for Statewide Development Programs.
State Aid – official distribution amounts are posted on the web. Hope the corrected monthly amounts will be ready by November. Official letters will be sent when amounts have been determined.
LSTA – Talked about grants awarded this June. There was a handout summarizing the programs available in the next cycle. Grant is working on some helpful hints that will offer some guidance on language use and clarity when writing grants that may eventually lead to building construction.
Gates grant – Grant fielded some questions; refer further questions to Cal Shepard @ Solinet.
- Mary congratulated Jennifer Pratt on the Resource Sharing Summit; other things going on: partnering with the Leadership Institute, CORE, new directors orientation, Smartest Card, National Book Festival, Digital Information Management Program (DIMP), Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped has many new people, Mary would love to come visit your library.

Break @ 9:55 a.m.

Reconvene @ 10:28 a.m.

Tim Rogers – Executive Director of NC Live – spoke about the content changes for 2009-2011 (handout). Tim talked about how the needs assessment with RAC, chaired by Kem Ellis, was conducted including statistical analysis of current content, a survey of NC Live librarians (42% public libraries), focus groups, trials of 80 products, 1300 feedback forms, and development of a collection profile. Selection criteria for databases included accessibility to all communities of interest (COI), end-users as the primary audience, must be beneficial to all COI's, remote access and no turnaways. Databases cut include: Britannica online, Newsbank, Proquest newspapers, and Net Library e-books; added were: Ebsco's Literary Reference Center, Newspaper Reference Center, Career Reference Center, and Auto Repair Reference Center; Geographic Research SimplyMaps, and Lexicon Words for Work. Questions and comments plus discussion of alternative titles came from the floor. Additions and subtractions to the title list can be seen at http://www.nclive.org/resource_selection/collection_updates.phtml.

Announcements: Greg Needham is moving to the Librarians Council and Ruth Ann Copley will be on the RAC.

Awards Committee – Marti Smith – the Awards banquet will be similar to last year. Our Library Champion awards will be given to Sen. Tony Rand and Rep. Jim Crawford. Jerry Thrasher will be honored with a lifetime achievement award. There will be more time on the meeting agenda this year to showcase the awards.

Nominating Committee – Mary Sizemore - NCPLDA officer slate is:

Kem Ellis – Municipal Representative
Martha Schatz – County Representative
Kay Davis – Regional Representative
Becky Callison – Secretary
Robert Busko – Treasurer
Mike Taylor – President Elect
Mark Pumphrey – President

Web Committee – Ruth Ann Copley – showed us the new website @ www.ncplda.org. (Handouts)

Legislative Committee – Greg Needham - Committee decided to have Greg take over when David Paynter left. Greg summarized what we did during the last Legislative session and why we did it. The Executive Committee voted to continue having Theresa Kostrzewa as our lobbyist. Will set time aside in the December meeting for planning and prep for the long session.

Theresa Kostrzewa – Lobbyist – Congratulated everyone for their efforts in getting money this year. Libraries are now on the minds of the legislators thanks to Library Day. Now our job is to build on that. Next year: the economy is tanking, the deficit could be more than a billion dollars. The plan: ask for \$15.7 + in recurring funds in State Aid and another \$15 million based on per capita. Suggestions: bring your legislators to your library to see how it is used; they need to see and understand your value; show them how much more important your library is now that the economy is so bad; give the legislators photo ops; create an event for them to come to. The 3rd week of February or the beginning of March would be a good time to hold Legislative Day. There was discussion about our legislative initiative with a question and answer session. Theresa ended by saying we should have a single message: we need money more than ever when times are rough.

Next meeting will be at the Grandover Resort in Greensboro.

Meeting was adjourned by Greg Needham @ 12:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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