North Central Library District
DAC meeting
May 27, 2009

The meeting of the District Advisory Council was called to order at 10:00 AM, Wednesday May 27, 2009 at the James V. Brown Library. The presiding officer was Melissa Rowse. Members present were Gail Broome-Degenstein Community Library, Lynn Williams-Priestley-Forsyth Library, Melissa Rowse-Montgomery House Library, Barbara McGary-NCLD, Karen Temple-NCLD, Bonnie L. White-Thomas Beaver Free Library, Jennifer Johnston-Snyder County Libraries, Pam Ross-Snyder County Libraries, Carol Roinick-Sullivan County Library, Bob Mummey-Milton Public Library, Hal Pratt-Bloomsburg Public Library, Rick Miller-McBride Memorial Library, Charles Ormsbee-NCLD, Lynda Warner-Bradford County Trustee, and Shelby Kinsey-Blossburg Memorial Library.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of minutes from the March 11, 2009 DAC meeting with a motion by Hal and a second by Bonnie.

Charles spoke about workshops he has been providing in Tioga, Sullivan and Bradford counties. The workshops include staff training on cPanel, Contribute and Learning Express. Libraries can purchase Contribute from Techsoup for $20. Charles will put "Save Our Libraries" information on individual library websites per request. He will also be posting policies information on the NCLD website.

Barbara spoke about the District Negotiated Agreement and the two options for the district budget. The budget was devised on a budget of $515,791.68 and is contingent on state aid. A vote was taken and option 2 was chosen.

Karen spoke about the state aid economic crisis. State budget cuts from 5 to 50% for libraries are being proposed. Library users are encouraged to contact elected officials to "Freeze Our Funding". Bookmarks, talking points, sample letters, tips for writing a press release and talking to the media can be found on the NCLD website.

Upcoming continuing education opportunities include "Recruiting and Retaining Non-profit Library Boards" presented by Michael Kumer on June 10, 2009 at the James V. Brown Library. Charles, Karen and Barbara will present 3 workshops on different topics. The weakest area seems to be services for teens. Barbara can present a workshop on "10 steps to Implement Services to Teens". A district teen advisory board was tabled until the next meeting.

A Librarian's Roundtable is being developed for the purpose of networking opportunities. Volunteers are needed to be on a committee to organize this venture. The first Roundtable discussion will be held in September. Ideas should be sent to Barbara.

The next DAC meeting will be held at McBride Memorial Library on September 23, 2009 from 10:30 – 12:30.

A motion was made by Carol to adjourn the meeting at 11:50.