District Advisory Council Meeting
March 28, 2006 –(10:30-12:30 PM)
James V. Brown Library

Minutes

Library representatives in attendance were:

Diane Whitaker, Ross Library
Roberta Doyle, Ross Library
Anthony L Salvatori, Konkle Library
Betsy Fordon, Snyder County Library System
Barbara McGary, Selinsgrove Community Library
Sandy Nork, Commonwealth Libraries
Pam Ross, Priestley-Forsyth Memorial Library
Carl Askew, Degenstein Community Library
Kathleen O'Brien Vellam, Union County Library System
Thomas E. Jenkins, Thomas Beaver Free Library
Diane Sadler, Bradford County Library System
Lynda Warner, Bradford County Library System
Cindy L. Batdorf, Montgomery House Warrior Run Area Public Library
Cindy Whitmoyer, Milton Public Library
Alice M Zaikoski, Berwick Public Library
Richard C. Miller, Berwick Public Library
Harold Hershberger, Brown Library
Carol Roinick, Sullivan County Library
Laurie Shear, Potter-Tioga Library System
Mary Sirgey, Mansfield Free Public Library
Beth Schetroma, James V. Brown Library
Tricia Ulmer, North Central Library District
Janice Trapp, North Central Library District

I. Minutes

Cindy Whitmoyer, chairperson, called the meeting to order. *The minutes of the last District Advisory Council Meeting were approved.*

II. Update from Commonwealth Libraries

Sandra Nork, Commonwealth Libraries, provided an update on upcoming statewide projects.

A. Virtual Reference- is coming from the state. Libraries that have expressed interest in conducting this program will be trained on virtual reference this summer and the state is planning a grand opening of this service in September. This service will be promoted heavily in the schools. All libraries in the commonwealth will be able to access this service.

B. Trustee Institute-for Trustees and Friends of the Library. There are two being offered in April. Reservations are filling up fast.

C. **Rewriting LSTA E-Grant-** the state is working on the new electronic format to make it clearer and more understandable for libraries

D. **Technology Conference-**coming up in the fall, tentatively for October 23-24 in Grantville, PA. Commonwealth Libraries is looking to have it at Penn State next year. The Conference will discuss Virtual Reference and Using New Technologies in Libraries.

E. **Guidelines for Negotiating Agreements for District Library Center Services-** provides guidelines for District Library Centers to divide their budget into percentages of resources and services.
Tricia Ulmer, District Consultant, provided an overview of the services offered by the North Central Library District.
Praise was given to Tricia Ulmer and the North Central Library District by both Betsy Fordon of Snyder County and Sandra Nork of Commonwealth Libraries for the tremendous and visionary work that the North Central Library District does in comparison to other district library centers.

III. **Consultant Report-**Tricia Ulmer, District Consultant, gave her report.

A. **Extreme Library Makeover-**will be held on Tuesday, April 25, 2006 from 10-3 pm at the Holiday Inn in Williamsport. This is a multidistrict workshop and is presented by Pat Wagner. Make checks payable to James V. Brown Library.

B. **North Central Library District Goals 2006-2007-**were presented by Tricia Ulmer. The goals are to improve ability of local boards to advocate for improved local funding, to assist in the development of strategic plans for member libraries, to enhance awareness of public library services among target audiences, and to provide interesting and well attended workshops to help district librarians improve their skills.

C. **Current Services-**Tricia provided an update on the progress of current services such as E-Learning Training, Ask a Librarian, and Learning Express Library

D. **Programs and Workshops by district support services-**Tricia reported on the successful activities of Wanda Bower and Charles Ormsbee on providing grant and technical support to district libraries through trainings and workshops.

E. **Legislative Day-** will be May 23 for interested libraries or anyone in need of assistance in setting up appointments with Senator Madigan. Also looking for interest in creating a passenger van to travel to the event. Janice Trapp reminded everyone of the importance of communicating to legislators how the funding is needed to meet the needs of our communities.

IV. **DLC Negotiated Budget-**Tricia Ulmer, District Consultant and Janice Trapp, District Administrator, presented three scenarios for library development for district libraries to choose from and an overview of the 2006-2007 North Central Library District Budget along with options for possible online services. Tricia will send out a survey for libraries to choose both scenarios and online service options.

Meeting Adjourned
Next Meeting

Respectfully submitted
by Barbara McGary