District Advisory Council Meeting
November 9, 2006
James V. Brown Library

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by Tricia Ulmer, District Consultant. Those attending were:

Melissa Rowse, Montgomery House Library
Pam Ross, Priestly Forsyth Library
Betsy Fordon, Snyder County Library System
Janice Trapp, JVB/NCLD
Mary Sirgey, Mansfield Free Library
Carol Roinick, Sullivan County Library
Alice Zaikoski, Berwick Public Library
Diane Whitaker, Ross Library
Thomas Jenkins, Thomas Beaver Free Library
Richard Miller, Berwick Public Library
Kathleen O'Brien Vellam, Union County Library System

The minutes of August 22, 2006 were approved as mailed.

New Business

Tricia announced that Cindy Whitmoyer has taken a job at Susquehanna Univ. and is no longer at Milton.

Update on State Aid – the formula will not be run for 2007. The following changes have been made to the meaning of standards.

1. Libraries are to use the increase to meet standards by 2008. No waivers will be given in 2008.
2. Collection expenditures for 2008 will be based on what is spent in 2007.

One Book, Every Young Child, 2007. The title chosen for the year is A Splendid Friend Indeed by Suzanne Bloom. Orders for paperback copies will be taken by Tricia for the district. Big books are available and a Spanish language version as well.

Consultants Update

The Gates Foundation is planning several workshops throughout the state for rural libraries. One will be held in Williamsport in April. The workshop is designed for rural library directors and board members to develop strategies for long range planning for sustainable libraries.

Second Consultant Search – Very little interest was shown in the position by librarians. After advertising in the paper, the interview team met with 6 applicants and an offer has been made to one individual. The candidate has no library experience but has been involved with non-profit planning for small community based organizations.

Keystone Grants are available for 2007. Applications are due at the end of June and the application must come from a municipality, not a library. There will be a pre-application workshop.

The District Long-range Plan needs to be updated. This will take place after the second consultant is in place.

Continuing Education – input on this is needed to decide on possible programming for support staff and directors.

Group Discussion followed with problems, news, etc.
The next meeting will be announced at a later date.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12 p.m.