March 12, 2008
District Advisory Council Meeting
Minutes

The regular quarterly meeting of the District Advisory Council was called to order at 10:00 AM, Wednesday, March 12, 2008, in the City Church. The presiding officer was Melissa Rowse. The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with. The first order of business was introductions of all members present.

Charles Ormsbee made a proposal for creating an E-branch through the district web site, which would serve as a one stop shop access point to district resources. E-branch will feature OverDrive. This service will provide libraries with a digital library collection for download. OverDrive will enable library patrons to download popular digital audio books and eBooks.

Karen Temple's report reviewed advocacy, planning, training, staff changes from 2007. Karen also reviewed statistics from the subscription databases and the rotating DVD collection provided by the district.

Barbara McGary gave us an overview of the LSTA Every Child Ready to Read grant. Twelve libraries from the district will be participating. Contact Barbara to request a traveling truck for this year's PA One Book. The contents of the truck is available on the website at paonebook.org.

The NCLD will be hosting a workshop on May 7, 2008. Sally Reed from FOLUSA and Herb Landau will be the guest speakers. The workshop is geared for Librarians, Friends and trustees. The topics will be how to gain support from your local government and communicating the value of libraries to the public.

Jeff Swope spoke about the upcoming Youth Summit sponsored by the NCLD. The summit will take place at JVB on April 11, 2008 from 10 AM to 3 PM.

The district would like to continue the Peer-to-Peer Training workshop. Feedback is needed for future topics.

The Pennsylvania Library Association only has 60 members in the NCLD. You are encouraged to become a member, if you have not already done so.

Janice Trapp noted that is time to write a new 5-year plan for the NCLD. There will be a planning committee to write the plan that will include Friends and trustees. The Mid Hudson Library Association has a model plan. You can visit their website at www.midhudson.org.

Anne Kruger provided an update from the Commonwealth Libraries.

- Three Early Learning Awards will be given in Harrisburg on April 2. Barbara McGary will be receiving one of the awards.
- A workshop will be offered on June 10 at Pennsylvania College of Technology. The topic is rural libraries.
- Continuing education credits are being offered through online resources.
- A government advisory meeting is on the slate.
- POWER Library now features WebFeat.
- The LSTA tech committee is looking at open source software. Open source provides a more affordable automation system for libraries.
- Individual library technology plans need to be updated every 3 years. Plans need to include a budget with income and expenditures.

Barbara McGary presented the 2008-2009 District budget for review.

The election of officers was approved.

- President-Melissa Rowse
- Vice President-Pamela Ross
- Secretary-Shelby Kinsey

Meeting was adjourned at 12:09 PM.