



Executive Board Meeting
Grandover Resort
Greensboro, North Carolina
December 4, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Greg Needham at 10:07 a.m.

In attendance: Dan Barron, Jackie Beach, Becky Callison, Ruth Ann Copley, Kay Davis, Tom Dillard, Kem Ellis, Ruth Hoyle, Margaret Marshall, Cindy Moose, Greg Needham, John Pritchard, Mark Pumphrey, Jane Rustin, Bill Snyder, Dan Swartout, Mike Taylor, Carol Wilson. From the State Library: Mary Boone, Grant Pair, and Jennifer Pratt, and Ann Marie Elkins

Minutes were approved from the August 28th meeting.

Treasure's Report was presented by Tom Dillard. As of 7/31/08, our total available balance was \$45,922.10. Our total receipts were \$8,525. Our expenditures were \$15,767.03, leaving a total of \$38,750.07. For more detail, see the Treasures report. We still need to go back and pull out monies toward the legislative effort (see Executive Minutes 8/28/08). Some discussion of this topic followed. Total contract for TK is \$30,000. Treasure's report is accepted as presented.

Nominating Committee – Cindy Moose for Mary Sizemore
Mike Taylor – Vice President/President Elect
Robert Busko – Treasurer
Becky Callison – Secretary
Kay Davis – Regional Representative
Martha Schatz – County Representative
Kem Ellis – Municipal Representative

Terms will begin at the end of tomorrows meeting.

Awards Committee – Kem Ellis – Festivities start tonight at 6 p.m. in Grandview Ballroom with dinner at 7 p.m. Awards following dinner.

Web Committee – Greg Needham and Ruth Ann Copley – We will discuss the web site more tomorrow (www.ncplda.org). Suggestions for the site to have legislators, state and federal, by library system and a tab for library Friends and supporters were made.

Legislative Committee – Greg Needham

- Greg has been in touch with Theresa K - she talked with Rep. Michaux from Durham who said the state is \$1.6 billion behind in revenues, starting off the year with almost 10% less revenue and he confirmed that libraries would be fortunate to retain their current appropriation level. Remain nimble, things could change.
- Lay the groundwork tomorrow for the upcoming session; what we did well, what needs improvement. Agenda will be flexible and adaptable. Ann Marie will do an overview of State Aid. Greg also has prepared packets to work on tomorrow to get everyone's input on how we will move forward.
- Theresa K does not feel we should change formulas at this time.

Greg then opened the meeting to discussion. Highlights were:

- Mary Boone told of plans to bring back the Public Library Development Committee, which was a sub committee of the State Library Commission. She would like NCPLA to nominate 3 volunteers to represent the 3 types of systems; the committee could be reactivated as soon as the end of this year. This committee will also have members of the Library Commission (currently Ed Sheary, Ruth Hoyle, and Kem Ellis), as well as several other librarians to make sure the committee is balanced regionally across the State. This committee will follow-up on interlibrary cooperation, the next step after Jennifer Pratt's Summit, held in August; look at standards or guidelines; statewide promotion of libraries; and possibly a look at State Aid.
- Jackie Beach read a letter that she wrote to Bev Perdue.[This has been posted on www.ncplda.org]
- More talk about the lobbyist, State Aid, building money, Legislative Day, and the formula.
- Dan Barron gave the report of Regional Libraries meeting which was held yesterday.
- John Pritchard read a letter from the Washington D.C. lobbyist group.
- Becky told of the church sign which she found applicable because libraries can give hope as well: **HOPE: Helping Ordinary People Excel.**
- Mark Pumphrey mentioned his UNC TV interview – about NC NOW and economic distress at the Cameron Village Library; the program also highlights the Durham library.
- Jackie Beach gave the analogy of the library = heart of the community (circulating books, circulating blood)

Meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Marshall