



Executive Committee Meeting March 6, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Greg Needham at 10:05 am.

Minutes were approved from the November 29th meeting.

Treasure's Report was presented by Tom Dillard. As of 2/29/08, the balance was \$110,046.62. That balance includes monies collected for Ancestry/Proquest (\$72,172) for which the check has been written but not yet mailed to the vendor. The report was accepted as presented.

Nominating Committee – Mary Sizemore – the Committee will meet before the August meeting. We will be calling to ask people to serve.

Awards Committee – Marti Smith – Marti suggested that if we liked the way the awards were presented last year, they would like to use the same format again next year. The Committee is respectfully asking for all Thursday afternoon for awards presentation. The Committee would also like to separate the Public Relations award from the rest of the program because the criteria are not really the same.

Legislative Committee – David Paynter – have been meeting the 1st Wednesday of each month. There was great news from Theresa Kostrzewa (our lobbyist); she has secured Co-Chairman Jim Crawford (Granville and Vance) of the House Appropriations Committee to support a one time \$5 million bill for library collections. Every library would receive a base of \$10,000 and the balance would be distributed on a per capital basis. This has the potential of making a significant difference; every library would benefit. She has also talked to Hugh Holliman (Davidson) House majority leader and he is also on board, but we want to make sure that we phrase the bill clearly to include all collections, not just books. David suggested that we come up with ways to frame our message as to how the money will be used to benefit your community, without using a lot of numbers.

Message Committee – Sharon Stack – the Committee is still working on the message. We want to make it flexible; something that can build on the stories; ultimately end up with a DVD with stories. There was much discussion about the “story” idea.

Legislative Day Committee – Carol Wilson – We will spread ourselves around this year to be more visible and be in the lobby of the Legislative Office Building (3rd floor) and 1100 court in the Legislative Bldg. where there is a fountain. Also we can have the area outside the third floor lobby of the Legislative Office Bldg. Advocates should be visiting the legislators this year, not the directors. We want to give our legislators opportunities for good publicity and photo ops, like legislators reading to children (Dale Cousins from Wake Co. will be our contact person). The idea of dressing up like storybook characters was discussed.

In other business: Greg suggested putting together an informational packet for new library directors. David mentioned that a municipal library in Jamestown was interested in joining NCPLDA, although they don't qualify for State Aid. Mary Boone indicated that this issue may resolve itself shortly as the Rules are being revised. Dan suggested that NCPLDA get our own domain and web site; we will set up an Ad Hoc committee to look into this.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 by Greg Needham.