

NCPLDA Board Meeting

Thursday, March 26, 2015

New Hanover County Public Library, Wilmington, NC

Ross Holt called the meeting to order at 10:08 am

Dan moved and Jody seconded to adopt the agenda. The motion passed.

Minutes of the previous board meetings on Dec 5 in Pinehurst were presented. Jane McAllister moved to approve and Harry seconded. The motion passed.

Jane McAllister presented the Treasurer's report. There was a smooth transition of the bank account between Margaret and Jane. Material was prepared for the 990 and it has been filed. One library (Columbus Co.) has not paid for Ancestry subscription despite several attempts to contact. Should board approve to have the subscription cut off? Has been a pattern with this library. Jody moved and Melanie seconded to notify the library that we will give them till the end of March then cancel if no response. Motion passed.

2 libraries requested additional subscriptions

82% of dues received, 17 libraries will be notified Ruth Ann suggested to remind them they are getting e-Inc subscription as well

Friends memberships continuing well, 79% of budget

Comprise was the winning vendor sponsor; they gave us \$2,000 for this conference.

36 registrations for this meeting

Cash in the bank \$62,316.22 and the checkbook balances.

Committee reports

David Singleton, Jennifer Sackett, Trina Rushing all at PLA leadership academy in Charleston

Archives: Jane. She has a final box to give to Cal for storage, all archive material from now on will be digital. Send anything relevant to Jane for inclusion in archives

Awards: no report

Hospitality: Dan. Hospitality will be in Room 318. Need a new Hospitality chair! Harry will provide lunch/dinner recommendations.

Legislative: Ross. Weather cancellation of Library Legislative Day in Raleigh. Teresa is working to introduce a bill in the House to increase State Aid by 2.5 mil. The bill will be introduced by Jason Saine, Lincoln Co. We can contact our local reps and ask them to co-sponsor and support. She may join us by Skype tomorrow to give more details. Facing competition for her services; NC Arts Advocates asked her to be her lobbyist, offered more money, so we may have to up our contribution. Conflict of interest so she did not accept. Dan asked about possible collaboration with Arts group but in past we have been in competition for same \$. Cal said new budget director is an unknown. DCR had been told to expect a 2% cut but it did not actually happen. DCR is completely busy with the possible merger with DENR. Landscape is changing, could be a benefit to us...more money to DCR. As we advocate for the new bill, we can remind about County Commissioners' actions in support of state aid.

Jennifer S. is planning fall Day in the Districts during legislative break and then a virtual legislative day next year.

Cal is trying to encourage Senators Burr and Tillis to sign on for support of IMLS funding. Next meeting at ALA to try to work on this project.

Membership: Ross. Report has been sent. Cheryl Reddish taking on co-chair as Lynn Thompson stepped down. Discussed the appointment of new directors. Jody announced Kelsey Edwards will be new director of Bladen Co.

Web : Ruth Ann. She will get agenda and minutes up as well as latest directorship changes.

Broadband task force: Ross for Sharon Woodrow. FCC has proposed treating it like utilities, may reduce price with smaller companies competing. Gov. McCrory supporting broadband increase

Green Task Force: No report

Dan has proposed setting up a Workforce Development Task Force. Jennifer Pratt addressed: NC Works Folks not really aware of library involvement. A new website with resources for computer training, etc. has been created. She would love to share this information with libs with a "dog & pony show" Jennifer would like an actual inventory of library involvement, numbers of programs, etc. and then make a state directory to document outcomes. Ruth Ann's library may have to share space with Davidson Works. Jennifer Pratt offered to do a survey. Cal says with Workforce Development Act there is potential money that could come to us; we would have to force the issue. Multiple approaches would be best, continue local involvement and at same time work with DCR and other state agencies. Jennifer would be able to do some workshops across the state. Ruth Ann pointed out many citizens operate on a just in time, one time basis. Ross will work to set up a task force Jennifer informed us Northwest Regional is working on plans for a new lib that will

New Directors Boot Camp: Melanie. Will be having a Fri Morning breakfast roundtable with new directors will encourage them to join committees, review table talks from this afternoon – what surprises did they observe, encourage them to participate in NCPLDA. Dan said to be sure to encourage them to come to hospitality and meet people. Ross said also to get them and other newcomers to NCPLDA meetings to get with a group for dinner. Breakfast tomorrow will be in a room on 2nd floor of Courtyard.

NCLIVE : Ruth Ann. Still looking for new director. Have had some skype interviews, one more next week. Some good candidates. Will invite directors to a meeting/presentation of final candidates April 21. Most candidates have been from out of state.

State Lib Commission: No new report. Harriet Smith, chair, plans to attend this meeting, we will introduce her to the group.

State Lib: Cal Will present full report tomorrow. DCR very busy with historic tax credits as well as potential DENR merger. They are favorably viewed in State administration right now, in good shape. Ruth Ann voiced appreciation for consultant visits and support. New Data person has begun: Amanda Johnson

Lib Types: no reports

Nominating Committee: Jody. Officers for 2016 VP/Pres Elect: Tammy Baggett, Durham

Secretary: Brigitte Blanton, Greensboro

County Lib Rep: Patrick Fitzgerald, Harnett Co

Municipal Lib Rep: Susan Brown, Chapel Hill

Regional Lib Rep: Teresa Cole, Albemarle Regional

Needs to be approved by Board, elected officially in December

Slate of officers approved

Additional nomination: Mary Sizemore, High Point 2nd 3-yr term for State Lib Commission. Her first term expires 6/30/15. Will be elected by membership tomorrow.

New Business: Credit Card Policy

Having an NCPLDA credit card is advised; it was necessary for logistics for this meeting with Courtyard and also for registration for lobbyist. Ross felt we needed a policy that provides checks and balances, just for safety's sake. Add that all receipts will be forwarded to treasurer to balance with monthly statements.

Harry asked if there is a need for a limit without board approval? There is a limit on the card of \$5,000. Purchases over \$500, excluding meeting-related deposits and expenses, must be approved by simple majority of the Board (email vote)

Moved by Mary with second by Dan; motion approved.

Dan will be stepping down from his 2nd term on the State Library Commission, Suzanne White of Catawba Co will be taking his place in June.

Dan announced he will be getting 100 mgs for \$109/month as a result of BTOP

Harry announced afternoon plans, New Hanover Library book sale tomorrow

Jane B moved, Melanie seconded to adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 11:24 am

Respectfully submitted,

Laurel R. Hicks, Secretary

Gaston County Public Library