

NCPLDA General Membership Meeting

Thursday, August 13, 2015

New Hanover County Public Library, Wilmington NC

Directors Present: Jane McAllister, Sharon Stack, Mary Sizemore, Laura Crooks, Amber Westall Briggs, Christy Bondy, Jane Blackburn, Ruth Ann Copley, Jennifer Sackett, Becky Callison, Trina Rushing, Rishara Finsel, Melanie Morgan, Susan Simpson, Forrest Tate, Emery Ortiz, Hannah Ensley, Lynn Thompson, Patti McAnally, Holt Kornegay, Agnes Ho, Anna Yount, Karen Wallace, Elizabeth House, Nina Meadows, Michael Roche, Estell Carter, Jeff Watson, John Pritchard, Susan Brown, Brigitte Blanton, Suzanne White, David Singleton, Tammy Baggett, Harry Tuchmayer, Patrick Fitzgerald, Ross Holt, Teresa Cole, Catie Roche, Carol Wilson, Margaret Marshall, Laurel Hicks

Others present: Dale Cousins, NCLA; Jennifer Pratt, Johnnie Pippin, Raye Oldham, Molly Westmoreland, Tanya Prokrym, Amanda Johnson, Kelly Brannock, State Library of NC.

President Ross Holt called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm.

Minutes from Meetings of March 26 and 27, 2015 at New Hanover County Public Library were approved. Motion was made by Elizabeth House and seconded by Carol Wilson.

Jane McAllister presented the Treasurer's report :

- Following credit card policy
- Lobbyist paid through 3rd quarter
- Ancestry -- 2 new libraries, renewal invoices AND 2016 dues will be sent out next week and will be due at Dec. meeting. The issue with the non-paying library has been resolved.
- Current on insurance
- Everyone is paid up for 2015 dues.
- Friends donations -- 112% of budget / \$17,150 received.
- List of Friends donations available for review.
- SirsiDynix was winning vendor bid for this meeting, paying \$2,500.
- At least 34 registrations for this meeting
- \$65,981.96 balanced with checkbook.

Ancestry might be able to offer access to Fold 3, a database of US Military records. If your library might be interested in adding this database, let Jane know when you send in your renewal.

Introduction of New Directors: Jeffrey Watson and Lynn Thompson

Pins were presented to Trina Rushing, Henderson Co. and Amber Westall Briggs of AMY Regional (Dan Barron's pin passed down) Dan Barron of AMY Regional has retired and Elizabeth House of McDowell County Library will be retiring at the end of September. Jean Kraus has offered to serve as Interim there if needed.

The Membership Committee also expressed appreciation to Jennifer Pratt for her service and leadership, especially in organizing the summer Directors' Summits and the new Director training sessions. She has been at our meetings for 16 years and wants to continue hearing from us.

There will be a New Director's Roundtable tomorrow at breakfast at the Meadowbrook Inn. Forrest Tate, interim director at Caldwell County, was also introduced.

Sponsor presentation: Sirsi/Dynix

"Birds of a Feather" table talks.

Recaps: Carol Wilson, Medium County: Discussion of new facilities/renovation process, including importance of having good project management. Need to double check electrical outlets and HVAC vents, might use walls that stop short of the ceiling to reduce costs. Trina mentioned a space study service they had recently gone through. Davidson Co. has hired Ed Sheary as a consultant. Forrest brought up library partnerships with NC Works. Discussion of trustee orientation and bylaws. Suggestion to have new trustees take staff on a tour of the library to view through their eyes. Reminder that Molly Westmoreland offers a very good Board Orientation workshop. Emery reported concerns about getting County IT more involved with library needs.

Regionals: Karen Wallace: 7 of the 12 regions were represented. Differing sizes of counties can affect funding. State Library doing an LSTA-funded study to help provide information about value of Regional Library systems. State Aid changes a great concern to regions. Struggle to give uniform pay increases to regional staff but difficult with differences in counties. Discussed courier services, resource sharing, creativity/expertise, and training. Health insurance increases a real problem in many regional systems.

Large County: Brigitte Blanton. Re-envisioning future of libraries needs to start at state level. Economic Development a key term for libraries, need to prove our value in this area. Library as gathering spaces...need more space! Sometimes need to adjust meeting policies. Regardless of size of libraries, budget cuts lead to reduced services. New Hanover will share information about their upcoming future of libraries forums.

Small County and Municipal: Patti McAnally, Can someone send out info about MALIA Consortium? Discussion of NC Cardinal, especially staff time needed to participate. Friends and their Book Sales discussed. DIY projects important for small libraries. Phone e-vite service only costs \$50 per year for a small library to make reminder calls. Discussion of staffing needs and salaries

Main Speaker: Robert S. Shackelford, Jr., President, Randolph Community College, presented "Notable Traits of a Great Organization."

The meeting adjourned at 5:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurel R. Hicks, Secretary

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