

Lycoming County Library System Board
Minutes
September 8, 2009

Present: Louise Eakin
Pauline Montgomery
William Nichols
Jeff Wheeland
Evelyn Derrick
Diane Eck

Janice Trapp
Jeffrey Swope
Barbara McGary
Greg Neidig
Charles Ormsbee
Stephanie Farr
Barbara Kressly

Minutes: Minutes of the last regular meeting will be forwarded.

Financial Reports: Janice Trapp reviewed the January 1-September 4, 2009 financials. All 2009 state aid has been received and distributed. One of the two annual Access Pennsylvania payments has been received. 59.99% of county support has been received and distributed.

The Literacy Program support grants were due to renew July 1 but the lack of a state budget has required using other available funds to cover salary and program costs in order to maintain services.

On the expenditure side Internet connection fees are almost at their annual budget amount. Cost for connectivity for the five LINK libraries will be an additional \$8,500 a year. However, use of these small facilities continues to be a “best buy” in extending services into rural areas of the county.

Miscellaneous operating has exceeded budget due to the cost share for the QuickBooks migration and consulting fees for CPA Doris Fee. Wayne Kinley, CPA, is soon going to begin work on balancing the System’s 2008 books so future financials will better provide a picture of the System’s overall financial position. The budget will need revised to move monies between line items currently over or under budget.

The financial reports were approved.

State Budget: Trapp reported no new insights into how libraries would fare under any negotiated budget agreement. The House Republicans have proposed \$50 and the House Democrats \$68 million. The 2009 subsidy is \$75.7 million. Senator Eugene Yaw has been sent a letter detailing the volume of donations needed to replace a 50% cut in state aid. It would take \$630,000 in new donations. In his responses to letters from constituents he seems to regard libraries as “nice” rather than needed.

Strategic Plan: District Consultant Barbara McGary reviewed progress to date and summarized the work product of the 8/18 retreat at Grays Run. The next step is to refine

the thoughts and language into a vision statement with 4-5 goals. Under her skilled facilitation the following vision and goals earned consensus:

Vision Statement: The Lycoming County Library System for the next three years will realize a cooperative system wide marketing plan focused on engaging residents as users of and advocates for county libraries.

Strategic Goals: The following were identified by the Lycoming County Library System Board as strategic goals for 2010-2013 Strategic Plan:

1. Build administrative capacity of the system.
2. To provide better service for the end user by identifying and instituting emerging technologies and services including delivery methods.
3. Position libraries as the “go-to” places for preschool services and programs.
4. Create a high quality user experience.
5. Expand and adapt library services to meet diverse and growing community needs.

Member Reports:

- Muncy meets tonight and may proceed with property acquisition.
- Jersey Shore meets tonight with the parking lot use on the agenda.
- Jeff Swope needs LSTA letters of support from Hughesville and Montgomery if they wish to participate in the application for improved children’s non-fiction collections and a formal collection development/maintenance plan for this part of the collections. Programming based on the National Mother Goose programs is also included.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Tuesday, December 8, 2009. We will try to meet in October to keep the planning momentum going.