

Erie/Crawford District Advisory Council Minutes

Wednesday April 25, 2017

Present: Marcia Wilking (District Consultant), Erin Wincek (Erie County Library), Mary Kieffer (McCord Memorial Library), Christine Slocum (Union City Public Library), Randalee Gross (Corry Public Library), Thomas Snyder (Albion Area Public Library, Trustee), Ronda Nichols (Rice Avenue Community Public Library), Pam Clark (Stone Memorial Library), Amanda Scott (Cambridge Springs Public Library), Heather Wakefield (Saegertown Area Public Library), John Brice (Meadville Public Library), Telce Varee (Linesville Community Public Library), and Ann Krueger (Office of Commonwealth Libraries)

John Brice called the meeting to order at 10:02AM. The minutes from the previous District Advisory Council (DAC) were reviewed. Heather Wakefield made the motion to approve the minutes as corrected and the motion was seconded by Telce Varee. The DAC voted unanimously in favor of approving the minutes as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **SNOE Consultant** – Marcia Wilking gave an overview of recent meetings with Karen Dash – a consultant working with the 4 District Library Centers in NWPA. Discussions are taking place with a goal of sharing services and resources to provide cost-savings, as well as a focus on sharing expertise. A survey will go out to district library staff and district directors.
- **PBS Great American Read** – Marcia shared about the new PBS TV show focusing on books and reading. The District has the opportunity to sponsor the show at the \$1000 level or \$2000 level both of which will give different levels of partnerships, opportunities, advertisements and swag. The group decided to wait to vote on this item until after budget discussions
- **Programming Educator vs. New Databases** – Discussion was had comparing hiring a programming educator to perform programs across all locations versus putting money toward new databases. Erin Wincek made a motion to hire a programming educator to provide programs at each location, with a clause that if we cannot find the right person, a new vote will take place if needed. Ronda Nichols seconded the motion. The group voted in favor of the motion with one nay vote. Motion passed.
- **Budget** – Marcia ten presented the budget for 2018/19 and the group discussed the specifics. Heather Wakefield made a motion to accept the budget, and Amanda Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Budget Reassignment** – There was \$12,723 left from the strategic planning allotment that is now available. The group voted to put \$2000 toward WQLN's Great American Read and \$10723 toward collections. Telce Varee made the motion and Mary Kieffer seconded the motion. All were in favor of expending this money for sponsorship and collections.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Ronda shared that Rice Avenue Library is having its annual basket raffle fundraiser
- Erin shared that ECPL is having its skylight replaced and its Teen Space is out to bid

- Thomas shared that Albion is getting ready for its Summer Reading Program and is working on its annual fund drive that raises between \$8,000-\$15,000.
- Amanda shared that Cambridge Springs is celebrating its turn at being a part of the WQLN special Our Town. They are also getting ready for their big book sale.
- Heather told the group about Saegertown's upcoming Walkathon to raise money for a wall-mounted display case for teens
- Telce shared that Linesville has received a Founding Era grant and is also getting ready for Summer Reading. They also have a few renovations and an upcoming book sale.
- Pam spoke about the proclamation from the mayor, and about doing programs across the Ohio border.
- Mary shared that their programs are really picking up with up to 10 programs a week at McCord. They are also working on their annual fund drive and Erie Gives Day.
- John made sure everyone was up to date about Meadville's status after the fire. They are hoping to open the library back up on June 1. The twig library will officially close on May 22.
- Anne Krueger talked about the end of the state report, the Turning Outwards Initiative, and the hiring of Deb Blascovich

Meeting Adjourned at 11

Minutes prepared by Erin Wincek. The next meeting is October 3, 2018 at the Blasco Library at 10am.