

## DSLMA

Minutes of the Meeting November 13, 2007, at Olive B. Loss Elementary School in Bear.

Meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. In attendance : Janet Shaw, Sue Gooden, Carole Carpenter, Jane Stewart, Christine Payne, Maria Gregors

### Old Business:

Minutes from the Oct. 9 meeting were read and approved.

Banner for School Library Media Specialist: Jamie Alascia will investigate having one made.

Barb Stites Memorial: Christine Payne reported that Barb's school already donated a shelf to her library in her honor. Janice Haney and D.L.A. are working on a one-time award. Janet Shaw asked that they take their time and make the application process clear and appropriate.

Membership List: Denise Allen was not present. Jane Stewart asks that all district reps send her a list of all librarians in their district (whether members of DSLMA or not).

Del. Book Festival: Christine Payne reported that a good time was had by all, even though it was cold. There was a nice crowd.

Mid-Winter in Philly: Leanne Pope of DDL is considering arranging a bus and charging a reservation fee (maybe \$5.00) to insure that the folks who sign up actually go. Buses are very expensive and last year there were many empty seats. It was suggested that a lot more publicity is needed well in advance of the date.

### New Business:

Meeting with Secretary Woodruff: The Delaware Division of Libraries, led by Annie Norman, met with Department of Education Secretary Woodruff and a representative group of educators, including our President Jane Stewart. It was a fact finding meeting. Trish Birch of Sussex Tech gave a PowerPoint presentation on School Rooms, a web-based program being proposed for all schools by DDL. (Sussex Tech is piloting the program this year.) School Rooms includes a federated search engine, which reports back findings from multiple search engines, as well as a union catalog of all Kent and Sussex County Public Libraries. Many questions were raised concerning start-up costs, continuing costs, benefits, delivery issues, band-width issues, and potential problems. An alternative program called NetTrekker, which has been promoted by Wayne Hartschuh of DCET, was also mentioned. In light of the unanswered questions, there did not appear to be much support for the School Rooms proposal so Sec. Woodruff requested another meeting where more answers could be provided. To see the program go to :

<http://delibraries.schoolrooms.net>

## Committee Reports:

Legislative: Janet Shaw's school's PTA invited six legislators to visit their school for a "walk through." Janet emphasized the need for access for all when she met with them.

Governor's Task Force: Please send sad stories to [CathyW@udel.edu](mailto:CathyW@udel.edu). She wants to be able to give the Legislators real life stories of how the drop in funding has affected kids in school libraries. No more "Ranger Rick"? "Missing book five of a seven part series"? Letters from students would be awesome but even a simple e-mail from you would help.

Awards: Barb Ruszkowski and Janet Shaw will email reminders soon about the nominations, so that people can make plans.

## District Reports:

No reports from: Cape, Charter, Colonial, Delmar, Independent, Indian River, Lake Forest, Laurel, Milford, Parochial, Seaford, Smyrna, Sussex Tech, NCC Vo-Tech, Woodbridge

Appoquinimink: Maria Gregors reported that district librarians are allowed to meet on Inservice Days.

Brandywine: Sue Gooden reported that the district librarians will be sending a representative to the school board to ask for funding.

Caesar Rodney: Jane Stewart reported that their school participated in a Pajama Day project, which included John Lithgow reading his book online.

Capital: Jamie Alascia sent an email saying : We've been working on finishing our procedures so that we are all on the same page in each of our libraries. We met about getting a new circulation system, specifically with Follett, and we really like them. However, price is always an issue, and so we don't know when we will go with them. We also have an elementary school experimenting with a partially open schedule, and it is going really well. We are keeping our fingers crossed.

Christina: Janet Shaw reported that around half of the district librarians meet voluntarily each month. Ed Hockersmith will be a guest speaker next month.

Red Clay: Suzanne Smith sent an email saying : The District has renewed our Follett subscriptions and services for this school year. However, there is no additional money for any library materials for any district library. We do have meetings scheduled for staff development this year on Dec. 3, Feb. 4, and May 5.

## Presentation:

Corey Abrams from Rosen Publishing brought a complete display of books and spoke briefly about his services.

Meeting dismissed at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Carole Carpenter