

DSLMA

Minutes of the Meeting October 9, 2007, at Caesar Rodney High School in Camden.

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. In attendance : Jane Stewart, Carole Carpenter, Barbara FitzPatrick, Jamie Alascia, Janet Shaw, Denise Allen, JoAnn Reynolds, Laura Wright, Molley Crist, Barb Ruzkowski, Suzanne Smith, Sue Gooden

Old Business:

The minutes of the previous meeting were amended to add Jamie Alascia's name to the list of DSLMA members on the Governor's Task Force. The minutes were then approved.

There was no update yet on a possible memorial fund for Barb Stites.

No additional long term goals were suggested.

The meeting schedule has been amended to include a presentation by Todd Harold on Play-a-ways at the December meeting and a performance by the Delaware Bookcart Drill team at the January meeting.

Neither a list of all school librarians nor a list of all school library paraprofessionals in the state has yet been acquired.

The web site was updated with our new officers, meeting dates, and minutes. Christine McBride at the University of Delaware Education Resource Center is our webmaster.

New Business:

Discussion was held on the advantages/disadvantages of moving the DLA conference to June. Consensus was that early May is better.

Barb Ruzkowski reminded the group that the Mid-Winter American Library Association conference will be held in Philadelphia on January 11-16, 2008 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. It was suggested that we organize a bus trip. Barb will check with the Delaware Division of Libraries to see if they will pay for a bus.

Jane Stewart reminded the group that the Delaware Book Fair will be held on Saturday, November 3, 2007, on the Green in Dover. DLA is debating whether to sponsor and operate a table at this event. The consensus was that libraries should be represented and our members would be willing to assist.

Carole Carpenter suggested that we obtain directions to the locations of each of our future meetings (including where to park, which door to use, and library location in the building) and include those on the web page. She will try to get those.

Barb Ruzkowski inquired about the possibility of parochial schools being included in UDLIB-SEARCH. Sue offered to ask Sandra Millard what the options are.

Legislative Committee: Janet Shaw volunteered to go to the DLA planning meeting for this event, which is held in the spring.

Awards Committee had no report at this time.

Governor's Task Force: The Delaware Legislature did not pass the Million Bucks for a Million Books last year, which had a negative impact on library programs which were already struggling with minimal or non-existent budgets. Sue asked that anyone with a "sad" story to share please send it to CathyW@udel.edu. The Task Force is lobbying to have that program reinstated this year and needs ammunition. Some of the Task Force members have also been discussing the possibility of seeking pilot programs which might qualify for Vision 2015 funds.

Conference Committee: Barb FitzPatrick reported making contact with one possible presenter, a librarian from New Jersey.

District Reports:

Appoquinimink: no report

Brandywine: no report

Caesar Rodney: The new librarian at Stokes Elementary School is Laura Wright. The new librarian at Welch Elementary School is Molley Crist. All librarians have received permission to attend state Inservice Day presentations.

Congratulations! Jo Ann Reynolds and the Dover Air Base Middle School won the national FIRST place in the Gale/Library Media Connection TEAMS Award, which recognizes and encourages the critical collaboration between the teacher and media specialist to promote learning and increase student achievement. As one of three winners, they will receive: \$2,500 (U.S.) cash award; Gale products (approximate value \$500 U.S.); a one-year subscription to Library Media Connection; and Educator's Professional Bookshelf (approximate value \$500 U.S.) from Linworth Publishing. Way to go!

Capital: Jamie Alascia reported that the district is shopping for a new circulation system.

Charter: no report

Christina: Janet Shaw reported that the district librarians meet voluntarily after school. They swapped advanced Destiny hints and traded supplies at their last meeting. They have been approved for a half day of released time for the entire group to meet during the school day in November.

Colonial: no report
Delmar: no report
Independent/Private: no report
Indian River: no report
Lake Forest: no report
Laurel: no report

Milford: Barb FitzPatrick reported that the librarians met after school and hope to meet monthly.

Parochial: Barb Ruzkowski reported that she has been attending Technology meetings in hopes of discussing a possible union catalog.

Red Clay: Suzanne Smith reported that there is no budget for libraries but the district has agreed to continue paying maintenance/support agreements to Follett for the library software, including Alliance. Some librarians are holding book fairs to try to raise some funds.

Seaford: no report
Smyrna: no report
Sussex Tech: no report
NCC Vo-Tech: no report
Woodbridge: no report

Presentations:

Denise Allen reported that the Delaware Reads About... program was delayed due to a change in state payment processes. The gentleman who maintains the program has now been rehired for this year and Denise will be sending out information very soon. Rewards for participation include summative statistics and possible author visits.

Jo Ann Reynolds reported on the DOE Library Leadership Advisory Council. The participants have worked with such cadres as Teacher to Teacher, the Reading Cadre, Unpacking the Standards, and an ESL group. They want to create a Professional Learning Community such that we can learn to speak the same language as the teachers in different specialties. They would also like to include the Library standards on the web site.

Jamie Alascia demonstrated how we can join the DSLMA chat group.

First you need to set up a Yahoo I.D.

Go to groups.yahoo.com (no www)

Click on Find a Yahoo Group

Enter DSLMA and click Search

Click on the link

Click on Join This Group

Select from the choices of features desired

Enter the jumbled code into the box
Click JOIN

This will enable you to participate in discussion. You can always change your profile later if needed.

Jean Cox from Follett gave a presentation on their school library software program, Destiny, which combines and improves their CircPlus/CatPlus programs and places them on the web. It has many interesting features included and several others which can be purchased as add-ons. Many thanks to Jean for making the long drive.

Our next meeting will be on November 13 at Olive B. Loss Elementary School in Bear. There will be a presentation by Rosen Publishing.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Carole Carpenter