Central New York Library Resources Council

Legislative Committee

Monday, January 10, 2011

3:30 PM

**Present:** Liz Loftus (OCPL), Chair; Carole Kupelian; Bob Manning (Trustee, OCPL) *via telephone*; Wanda Bruchis (Mid-York Library System) *via telephone*; Anna Dobkowski (CLRC); Penelope Klein (CLRC), liaison; Déirdre Joyce (CLRC)

**Absent**: Sue Kowalski (East Syracuse/Minoa Public Schools)

Liz Loftus called meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

**Action Items:**

1. Anna
   * Check on the standard gratuity for the bus driver. This is something that was mentioned by the bus company when booking the initial reservation.
   * Find out if any Council members have information that they would like included in the Legislative Information Packet
2. All
   * Send suggestions for leaders to Anna. Thirteen total leaders are needed.

**Minutes 11/15/2010**

A motion was made to approve the minutes as written (Manning/S/Approved unanimously).

**Agenda Items:**

1. Legislative Breakfasts
   * What went well?
     + Committee discussed that they felt that the Everson event was very good, in terms of mingling prior to the event and the opportunities for networking.
     + Wanda reported that Mid-York attendees had expressed to her that they appreciated the small, intimate setting and the opportunity to mingle both before and afterward.
     + Wanda also noted that many at Mid-York seemed to find Sen. Griffo’s comment, that librarians seek help from those NOT expressly committed to libraries, very helpful. Griffo had suggested that upstate librarians make their case to downstate legislators as well.
   * What could be improved?
     + Penelope remarked that the costs for the Everson exceeded CLRC’s budget for both events (over $600). This is something to keep in mind when contracting locations like the Everson.
     + Anna felt that we could have used a few plants in the audience, so to have facilitated the discussion at the Everson. Penelope added that the distance between the stage may have created a sense of disconnect between the “audience” and the legislators (or their aides).
   * Ideas for 2011 *(no discussion)*
2. Advocacy Day
   * General discussion
     + Bob Manning suggested that CLRC consider Al Stirpe’s suggestion to lobby directly to the governor. He later added that Joanie Mahoney had a pretty good relationship with the new Lt. Governor (Duffy, former mayor of Rochester) and might help broker a meeting. Penelope added that CLRC’s new ED had been Assistant Director at the Rochester council, which might also help build a relationship with the Executive office. CLRC should FAX a request for such a meeting and determine WHO will attend.
     + Déirdre asked when/if we explore Griffo’s suggestion that we find downstate legislators to speak with as well as those representing the immediate CLRC service region. Penelope pointed out that CLRC really needed to be looking at actions, rather than words. (Often legislators express support, but fail to show it in their actions.) Wanda asked how we do this. Bob suggested a Library 101 session that focused on personal relationships, education, and the impact of state funding (a three-pronged approach).
   * Bus
     + Anna reported that she had arranged for a coach bus that would hold 56 people. The cost for the bus would be $1150 + driver tip. Discussed raising fees from the previous year to $26 for adults/$11 for students.
   * Library Leader Training
     + Training will take place on 14 February. Drop dead date for Library Leaders is January 31.
     + Penelope gave Déirdre a copy of the previous year’s training outline.
     + Leaders recruited/possible:
       - Wanda?
       - Bob?
       - Carole (Claudia Tenney)
       - Pat Skelly?
       - Diana Wendell
       - Jeff Wooldridge
       - D. Hobert
       - Renate Dunsmore
       - Judy Jerome?
       - Sally Carmer
       - Darby O’Brien
   * Regional Coordinator/Pre-Advocacy Events/NYLA
     + Anna will serve as the Regional Coordinator.
     + Anna reported that she had scheduled most of the meetings and was waiting to hear from three additional legislators.
     + Penelope noted that if additional items needed to be included in the Legislators’ packets, that people should let CLRC know.
     + Work the Legislative video into the message for this year’s Advocacy Day.
3. Visioning Summit
   * + This event is postponed to a later date.
     + It did, however, tell CLRC that it is a good idea for everyone (committee chairs, for example), to get together.

**NEXT MEETING: TBA**

Carole Kupelian made a motion to adjourn at 4:38 PM, (S/A).

Respectfully submitted,

Déirdre Joyce

Assistant Director, CLRC