Central New York Library Resources Council

Legislative Committee

May 3, 2011

9:00 a.m. via Conference Call

**Present:** Bob Manning (OCPL Board of Trustees), Wanda Bruchis (Mid-York Library System), Katie O’Connell (CLRC), Anna Dobkowski (CLRC), Deirdre Joyce (CLRC), Debby Emerson, CLRC liaison

**Excused**: Sue Kowalski (ESM/Pine Grove JH), Carole Kupelian (Ret).

Debby Emerson called meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. There was no quorum present.

**Action Items:**

1. Bob Manning
   * Contact Elizabeth Dailey about a person to fill the committee position vacated by Liz Loftus
2. Debby
   * Contact Peg Elliott for assistance with potential grant funding sources for advocacy video contest

**Minutes March 23, 2011:** will be approved at next meeting.

**Agenda Items:**

1. Legislative Update
   * OCPL busy visiting County legislators
     + Talk about what OCPL is doing
     + Focus on Syracuse downtown renewal
     + Using message, “libraries are transformational”
   * We are hearing from state legislators that we have hit bottom; financial picture should be improving going forward
   * Important to visit Governor and Governor’s local representatives during the summer
     + Joanie Mahoney is a good person to talk to about access to the governor
   * We are impressed by the “libraries are transformational” message and the “Geek the Library” campaign
2. Library advocacy video contest
   * Katie O’Connell presented overview of contest
     + Possible tie-in with summer reading program (One World – Many Stories theme)
     + One week of summer reading program could be used to teach kids about making videos
     + Possible connection to Newhouse School of Public Communication at SU
   * Might be able to show winning videos at Rosemont Gifford lectures (group of strong library supporters)
   * Current timeline calls for winners to be announced first week of November – would be helpful to move up a little so winners can be showcased at NYLA Conference which takes place November 2 – 5
   * Good candidate for grant funding
     + Bob Manning suggested talking to Peg Elliott at OCPL for assistance in identifying potential sources of grant funding
     + Steve Butler at the Cultural Resources Council could also help
3. Legislative Breakfasts
   * Anna suggested holding the legislative breakfasts earlier in the year
   * Usual December dates are after election day; those who did not get re-elected won’t attend and new folks are not officially in office yet
   * Committee agreed late October dates would be good; will try to make change for 2011 events, but if not possible for this year, definitely for 2012
   * Use member libraries as venues; will provide modest refreshments
   * Anna to begin work on this with Katie’s assistance
4. New Committee Member – there is still a vacancy on the committee due to the retirement of Liz Loftus. Since the vacancy is for an OCPL representative, Bob Manning said he would contact Elizabeth Dailey to see if she could suggest a person from one of the OCPL libraries. Wanda Bruchis said she would also send out a message to her members to see if there is interest.

**NEXT MEETING:** Will be scheduled for mid- to late August. Debby will send out a Doodle poll to select the best meeting date.

Respectfully submitted,

Debby Emerson

CLRC Liaison