

APSL Board Meeting

December 6, 2006

Present: Janet Malloy, Rachele Nocito, Tamara Friend, Magna Diaz, Jayne Downing, Linda Anders, Hal Doner, Carolyn Ellis, Linda Esh, Carol Heinsdorf, Linda McGregor, Margaret Tatro and Tina Weinraub.

Unable to Attend: John Politis, Brenda Maiden, Donna Kosolowki, Paul Scaer, and Barb Wray.

- I. Minutes from November 11, 2006
 - a. A minute approved with corrections- APSL is researching information on site licenses for poster maker software.
- II. Administrative Decisions
 - a. Fran Emery- Collection was approved by the SRC. The ETG department did not accept the collection. The School District of Philadelphia will not be housing the collection.
- III. Librarian of the Year Dinner
 - a. Janet Malloy proposed having the Irene Garson award in conjunction with the End of the Year Dinner. Board accepted the proposal. Projected dates for the dinner May 17th, 24th or 31st.
 - b. In place of Irene Garson dinner APSL will have a general membership meeting. Ideas for meeting should be directed to Magna Diaz. Notice will go out on listserv.
- IV. APSL Website and listserv
 - a. Jayne Downing submitted membership/ technology report detailing purchase of domain and web host, which totals \$126.00.
 - b. Access PA- Janet will forward Paul's email concerning Access PA to Jayne.
 - c. APSL members will be encouraged to join advocacy listserv during general membership in light of recent cuts.
- V. APSL Newsletter
 - a. Deadline for submission of articles / announcements for Newsletter is December 15th. Currently headlines for the Newsletter are: Trip to Washington, recommended websites, article encouraging members to push for support concerning Librarians in the School District.
 - b. Arlene Billbrough from Meredith School is the proofreader for the newsletter.
- VI. Portable Public Address System
 - a. Membership/Technology report also contains information on the purchase of a Portable Public Address System totaling \$386.25. (Report is attached)
 - b. Adapter for the system is recommended to purchase in the future. The cost for the adapter is \$140.00
 - c. A gift card was used to purchase system online remaining balance is \$31.75.

- d. The PA System will be used strictly for APSL events and meetings. The Board agreed that individuals would not be able to borrow system for personal use.

VII. General Membership

- a. Membership list is current and updated.
- b. Currently there are 78 members in the APSL database.
- c. Ideas and topics for the general membership should be emailed to Magna Diaz. Members will be encouraged to join the advocacy listserv during meeting.

VIII. APSL Advocacy

- a. News- Linda McGregor and Ken Garland positions were terminated as of December 5, 2006.
- b. Kristin Graham from Inquirer was contacted in regards to Linda and Ken's termination. If she would like to follow up on the story Magna Diaz will be the contact person for Linda McGregor and Rachelle Nocitio will be the contact person for Ken Garland.
- c. Rachelle Nocitio- John Emerick visited Sharwoods School unexpectedly during the week of December 4th. Rachelle was unable to meet with him due to school business outside of the building.
- d. Carol Heinsdorf- submitted a list of advocacy efforts outlining strategies and attempts to contact and bring attention to the situation of School Librarians. Carol made it clear each time APSL members contact outside entities APSL gets credit. Each contact should be reported to the advocacy committee.
- e. Parents Behind Bars is a group that should be tapped into for support. They understand the need for books and how the lack of access can impact children's future. Letter writing campaign from inmates to SRC and City Council expressing their concerns is one option to boost support. Recording books on tape, providing books to read over the phone are other options discussed. In order to contact Parents Behind Bars, APSL must work in conjunction with another legitimate organization working in correctional facilities.
- f. Influence Superintendent through other Superintendents. Provide articles to educational journals.

IX. Immediate Advocacy Actions

- a. APSL will send certified letter to Paul Vallas concerning recent lay offs and future of libraries.
- b. Arrange meetings with each SRC member and two members of APSL before budgets are reviewed in spring at schools.
- c. Arrange meetings with City Councils members.
- d. Revisit connection with PFT. Make sure APSL has representation and support. Contact Jerry Jordan and Arlene Kempin.
- e. Where are APSL questions and concerns channeled? Concerns include but are not limited to the following: vendors, Destiny and professional

development. APSL will gather and send questions from librarians to the ETG department. Letters can also be sent to the following people:

1. Paul G. Vallas
2. Gregory E. Thornton
3. Al Bichner
4. Pat Renzulli
5. Regional Superintendent
6. Principal

f. All correspondence should be sent through advocacy listserv not SDP listserv.

X. Citizens Voices Forum- APSL members will attend Forums with mayoral candidates around the city. Registration can take place online <http://go.philly.com/registration>. Weeknight and Sunday night forums have registration at 6:30 pm and run from 7 to 9:30 pm. Saturday morning forums have registration at 9:30 am and run from 10 am to 12:30 pm.

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| 1. Fox Chase/Burholme
Monday, January 8 th | Janet Malloy |
| 2. Lower Northeast-
Tuesday, January 9 th | Hal Doner
Magna Diaz
Janet Malloy |
| 3. West/Southwest
Thursday, January 11 th | Tamara Friend
Jayne Downing |
| 4. West Philadelphia
Saturday, January 13 th | Tamara Friend
Jayne Downing |
| 5. South Philly
Point Breeze Performing
Saturday, January 13 th | Rachelle Nocito |
| 6. Center City
Sunday, January 14 th | Linda Anders |
| 7. Far Northeast
Tuesday, January 16 th | Magna Diaz |
| 8. South Philly
St. Neumann & Gorette
Thursday, January 18 th | Rachelle Nocito |
| 9. Chestnut Hill/ Mount Airy
Monday, January 22 nd | Linda McGregor
Tina Weinraub
Carolyn Ellis
Carol Heindorf |
| 10. Germantown
Tuesday, January 23 rd | Linda Esh |
| 11. West Conshohocken
Thursday, January 25 th | Carolyn Ellis
Tina Weinraub |
| 12. Logan/ Olney
Saturday, January 27 th | Janet Malloy |
| 13. Roxborough
Sunday, January 28 th | Carol Heindorf
Linda McGregor |

14. Frankford
Tuesday, January 30th

Linda Anders

b. Forums without registered APSL attendance

1. Queen Village/ Pennsport
Wednesday, January 17th
2. North Philadelphia
Saturday, January 20th
3. Kensington
Saturday, January 27th
4. Norris Square
Saturday, February 3rd