

WPSLA Board Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2005

In attendance: Paul N., Linda H., Mary Grace K., Ginger L., Rich H., and Gabriella M.

Treasurer's Report: Grace A. had forwarded the report from November 30th. Beginning Balance was \$3147.79. Total Receipts were \$3580.00. Expenditures were \$3827.27. The current balance is \$2900.2

Old Business: Linda H. has updated website—new URL: www.wpsla.net
Comments on evaluation forms indicate a favorable response to the Fall Program-EBSCO held at Mary Grace K.'s and Kathy B.'s schools

February Winter Forum: will be held on Feb. 26th at New Homewood Elementary (Ginger's School). Registration and food will be from 8:15 to 9. Program will be from 9-12. Executive Board Meeting will follow from 12-1.

The Board decided not to charge a fee for the program. Act 48 hours will be provided.

Program's title is @Your Library: Strategic Marketing for School Library Media Centers which is offered by the Commonwealth Libraries.

Rich: will contact D'nis Lynch to present the program to finalize plans
will bring evaluation forms for program
will print, organize, and mail the flyers by January 18th
will organize the Act 48 paperwork

Paul: will mail labels to Rich

Gabriella: develop flyer and send to Rich, Linda, and Ginger
will send envelopes/stamps to Rich
provide name tags

Ginger: reserved school for program (done)
Will bring refreshments
Markers for name tags
(Ginger will email Board if she needs help setting up or with refreshments)
will accept responses of attendees; since there is no fee, email will be used

Leadership Dinner: The dinner will be held on Thursday, Feb 3rd beginning at 5pm at Gabriella's House (directions to follow). The purpose of the dinner is to invite those members interested in taking a more active role in WPSLA to meet the Board and learn about our roles. Interested people will be invited to serve as Members at Large.

Ginger, Mary Grace, and Gabriella will contact librarians that they identified as possible interested members.

Rich will include a flyer to the general membership in the Feb. 18th mailing.

Dinner: Gabriella will provide main entrée, iced tea, soda
--will provide labels and sharpies for name tags

Rich and Gabriella: wine

Asking those attending to bring an appetizer, salad, desserts, bread.

The main entrée will be lasagna—1 veggie and 1 meat

Please email Gabriella if you are attending and the item you are bringing.

The dinner will be similar to the one held at Linda H.'s house 2 years ago.

Paul N. will continue as membership chair

Linda H. will continue as member at large and maintain the web page

Rich H. will be a past officer

Kathy B. will be president

Gabriella M. will be vice-president

Mary Grace K. will continue as member at large

Advocacy Award: application will be included in the Feb. 18th mailing. Since the Board was unable to meet, the Board decided to change the deadline to March 1st.

Kirsten M. and Amy L. will receive the applications and distribute “blind” copies to judges.

Program Planning: Rich mentioned that Access PA Allegheny Region is interested in coordinating with WPSLA Professional Development activities. Ideas for future programs include:

Information/idea exchange

Vendor fair

POWER Library training with a specific topic i.e. focus on Facts for Learning

Plagerism

Invite Vendor to speak about book repair and/or new products

Outreach Opportunities (i.e. Clayton)

Rich was contacted by the University of Pittsburgh's Center of International Studies' PA Ethnic Heritage Studies Center. They might also serve as a prof. dev. opportunity.

Other suggestions are welcome and may be shared via email.

Spring Dinner: This year's dinner will held during the week of April 14th .

Rich: will contact Joyce Valenza to see if she is available, along with her principal, to be our guest speakers. If yes, he will verify available dates and give the info to Mary Grace K.

Mary Grace: will contact Mary Kay B. to okay use of Pittsburgh Athletic Association and call to make sure that date is available as well as request menu.

The board will finalize plans at our Feb. 26th meeting.

AASL Dinner with a local librarian: scheduled for October 5th on the Gateway Clipper. Questions raised concerned the layout of the tables as well as type of table (rectangular vs. round); role of the co-hosts; grouping of guests (by elementary, middle, high school levels or mixed).

Thoughts: co-hosts should be facilitators—make out-of-towners feel welcome; tables should be mixed levels, as this is primarily a social event; let the guests determine the topic of conversation.

Info needed: arrangements of tables; level of ship that we will occupy; will we be the only group on board.