

Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting
October 23, 2008
MINUTES

Committee members, partners & others attending: Sue Blaha, Jim Buchman, Robin Finley, Mark Foersterling, Donna Foust, Tracy Grimm, Will Reed, Margaret Stocker, Jeanine Stanley.

INTRODUCTIONS: The meeting was held at the State Library of Ohio. The meeting was called to order at 10:25 A.M. by Irwin Hott. Each attendee introduced him or herself.

MINUTES: Irwin Hott moved and Jim Buchman seconded approval of the July 10, 2008 meeting minutes as submitted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Officers: There were no nominations for chair of the CAC committee. The question was then asked if a chair was really necessary. Jim Buchman suggested that the by-laws be modified to eliminate the officer positions. Jim Buchman would then run all CAC meetings.

CAC Membership Recommendations: Irwin Hott recommended two people to join the CAC committee. Jim Buchman also had a few recommendations. These individuals would be filling the Agency and Consumer Representative positions.

Cincinnati Regional LBPH Briefing: Donna Foust reported that due to budget cuts the Cincinnati Regional LBPH library will be closing. The Cleveland Regional LBPH library will be taking over the entire program for the State of Ohio. Cincinnati currently serves 33 counties in Ohio, while Cleveland has the other 55 counties. Cincinnati has approximately 400,000 items in their collection. It has not been determined how the collection will be distributed. NLS had not been contacted officially.

STATE LIBRARY REPORT:

Hurricane Ike: Jim Buchman reported that after Hurricane Ike the number of requests for replacement C1's machines were up greatly. The repair groups were also hurt due to having no electricity to repair broken machines. One month later the employees are finally starting to catch up with requests for new machines. Jim worries that the machines are not lasting as long as they did before. He hopes the machines will be able to be maintained until we get the digitals up and running.

Update on Digital Talking Books: May 2009 is the new date for the digital machine distribution. The test group of two machines per library will be sent out

in January 2009. No digital cassettes have been received by Cincinnati or Cleveland. The order for the May 2009 shipment is as follows: Veterans & Centurions, Students, E1 Users, and then everybody else.

REGIONAL LBPH REPORTS:

Cleveland: The Cleveland Regional LBPH will be facing budget cuts in the upcoming year. They are committed to buying more Playaways and updating their catalog. They are hoping to have 600 titles by the end of 2009. More than 300 titles circulated statewide in the month of September.

Will Reed announced that they are very excited about the digital machines. They recently had a Family Fun day with a digital machine for display. People were very impressed and excited about the new player.

THANK YOU TO OUT-GOING MEMBERS:

Michael Southern: Jim Buchman expressed his thanks to Michael for his years of service to the CAC committee. He will be replaced by Jennifer Speakman.

Mark Foersterling: Jim Buchman expressed his thanks to Mark for his years of service on the CAC committee from 2005 to 2008. Jim read a resolution from the State Library Board for Mark's service and dedication to Ohio's Blind and Physically Handicapped.

Irwin Hott: Jim Buchman expressed his thanks and appreciation to Irwin for his years of service on the CAC committee from 1998 to 2008. Irwin also served as CAC chair for the last three years. Jim read a resolution from the State Library Board for Irwin's service and dedication to Ohio's Blind and Physically Handicapped.

Meeting adjourned at 11:36 A.M.

The next meeting will be April 16, 2009 at the State Library of Ohio.

Minutes submitted by Tracy Grimm.