

NCCCLRA Executive Board Meeting
6/30/2010 2:00 PM

Ruth Bryan
Allen Mosteller
Michael Rose
Deborah Foster
Stephanie Bowers
Myra Blue
Amy Burns
Cathy Campbell
Marilyn Carney
Suvanida Duangudom

President Cathy Campbell welcomed everyone and reported that the meeting was being held to discuss two items - Life Memberships for retired directors and the conference.

She began by sharing the results of the survey held in May, 2010. The responses to the question concerning attending a conference was 44% yes, 5.3% no, 52% depends on where it is held.

52.8% said they would attend even if they had to pay their way. 64% said it would be best to hold it in the central part of the state. Suggested locations were overwhelmingly for Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Raleigh, and Durham with Hickory, New Bern, Charlotte, Asheville, Boone, and Wilkesboro also receiving votes.

Deborah Foster commented that either a membership drive or a combination of a conference and membership drive should be held. Discussion followed concerning length of the conference, how to grant CEUs for attending the conference (SACS is now requiring that paraprofessional and contract professional have a certain amount of professional development each year, according to Deborah Foster), location, topics, etc. It was suggested that the conference have more roundtable discussions rather than lectures and that it be held every other year, alternating with the NCLA.

Cathy asked about the possibility of having the conference held at a school instead of a conference center, and could someone use an instructor's computer for demonstration purposes. Ruth said that the System Office would question that situation. But she suggested using PowerPoint presentations instead of a live demo.

It is a "yes" on the Membership drive according to the survey and with the approval of the committee; Cathy will search for a person to serve as a membership chairperson. Deborah Foster will give Cathy the spreadsheet from the last conference and the names of the members who have joined since the last conference. Cathy would like to see 2 people handle the membership, one to contact people and issue the cards and another person to

handle the checks. Deborah says she prefers to continue to handle the checks because it's easier for her. Deborah also suggested reproducing the membership card to email and members could print them out.

Cathy said she is cautious about the economy but she feels we should have a conference; Amy agreed and said we should find out when NCLA is being held. The possibility of having a conference on Saturday was considered. It is thought that we would probably need to have at least a day and a half for conference because vendors will not come for one day. Cathy suggested a day and three-quarters; going from 8:00-9:30 (registration) and 9:30-5:00 one day and 8:30-3:00 or 4:00 the next day. We want to make it worthwhile for everyone to come, especially the vendors. The committee is considering 2 general sessions with 2 speakers including luncheons (or breakfast & lunch) that are part of the registration fee and filling in the rest of the conference with discussions. This will give those who rarely see one another an opportunity for interchange and exchange of ideas.

Further discussion about the conference revealed that money is available so we can look at registration and how to keep cost down. It was suggested that we should consider having discussion sessions for reference, administrators, catalogers, paraprofessionals, circulation, etc. We could have roundtable discussion or panel discussions about issues and concerns or techniques in use at various schools. There could be topics on free software and how to use it. Additional topics under discussion are "How to conduct a district meeting" and "LRA officers – their duties and roles"

Ruth suggested a theme for the conference: "Just because we don't have money... we're not closed". Committee members agreed that it was fitting.

Cathy said people should nominate individuals for Life memberships. There's a form on the website that can be downloaded, completed and sent to Libby. Libby has one nomination thus far for Linda Leighty. Nominations are being sought for Donald Forbes and Janice Pope. Ruth added more names to the list on possible nominees.

Libby and the awards committee are working on a proposal for grants/scholarships to attend to the conference. So far, they have created an application and have included an essay for applicants to justify their need for monetary help and what they expect to get from attending the conference. Applicants will not be paid until receipts are received for reimbursement and they can only apply for the award one time.

Discussion continued on finding a central location for the next conference. Suggested locations included Greensboro, Winston-Salem or Guilford..... or Alamance.

Cathy suggested that Libby could find and contact past scholarship recipients and ask if they would speak about how their scholarship has helped them. Cathy also said she would start immediately looking for a membership chair.

The committee discussed the idea that the LRA webpage should take the place of the

newsletter. The membership chair could help Allen by getting news to him after making inquiries to the districts.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Submitted by:
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