

Urban Libraries Section Meeting

Paterson Public Library

April 11, 2008

10:00 a.m.

Present:

- Ingrid Bruck-Long Branch
- Kay Cassell-Rutgers University
- Pat Pattwell(Chair)-Newark Public Library
- Cindy Czesak-Paterson Public Library
- Pamela Holmes-East Orange Public Library

Review of the minutes from March 14, 2008:

- Science survey was a success, around 85 responses received from those who completed it. The results are on the website. Most of people who surveyed would like a list of contacts and suggested ideas that people have done re: science programming.
- Minutes from the meeting will be posted on the website

New Business

- New Jersey urban Libraries: Challenges and Strategies for change document which was written 10/26/05 was reviewed to gain insight regarding charge of the committee. Also the document served as a basis

for accomplishments achieved and issues that needed to be addressed.

- It was concluded that the issues raised in the document are still pertinent.
 - It was a consensus from among the committee member present that the document should be review by each member and then discussed.
 - The document will be put on the website so others can express there ideas about document's content.
 - Pat will speak to Connie Paul about facilitating a discussion.
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- The Bylaws were discussed and the officer slate was reviewed. Pat suggested that the secretary-treasure position should just be secretary since the section doesn't maintain a budget. Pat will present a revised bylaws document. Also, it was suggested that the Executive Board could meet as needed electronically.

 - Spring Conference program and materials
Ingrid suggested that best practices were stories that could be told regarding libraries and partnership programs

Old Business:

- The fall program (Turning Friends in to active Supports, etc.) was discussed. It was suggested that the program be held in November 2008 at the Old Bridge Public Library. The date and the location will be confirmed upon Pat contacting Old Bridge Public Library regarding availability.

- In addition, the committee members talked about marketing strategies.

The next meeting will be June 20, 2008 to continue discussion on the following topics:

- *New Jersey urban Libraries: Challenges and Strategies for change document (facilitation of it, and location pending)
- *Confirmation of date & location for Fall program (re: friends)

The meeting was adjourned @ 11:35 am