

District Advisory Committee
March 13, 2019

Toby Schwartzman	James V. Brown Library
Alan Miller	Sullivan County
Kathleen McQuiston	Thomas Beaver Library
Josh Hudson	District
Barb McGary	District
June Houghtaling	District
Kathy Butler	Hughesville Area Public Library
Lydia Kegler	Bloomsburg Public Library
Leslie Wishard	Potter Tioga Library System/Green Free Library
Laura Spencer	JV Brown Library
Christine Curley	McBride Memorial Library
Pam Ross	SCL
Linda Aston	James V. Brown Library
JA Babay	Montgomery House Library
Elisabeth Miranda	Blossburg Memorial Library
Jeremy Shatley	JVB/NCLD
John Confer	James V. Brown
Melissa Rowse	Degenstein Community Library
Tammy Garrison	Clinton County Libraries
Jed Stalker	Milton Library
Jeanne Williamson	Montgomery House Library Board
Rachael Waugh, Rhonda Duell, Jeff Singer	Virtual Attendance

Meeting was called to order at 10:06 by Lydia Kegler. Minutes were approved by Jeremy Shatley and Pam Ross.

State:

- Keystone Grants opened on February 1, 2019 and are due April 26, 2019. They must be sponsored by a municipality and be used for brick and mortar type projects. Up to \$750,000 may be requested.
- Office of Commonwealth Libraries are hiring a division chief for grants and subsidies. Their offices will be moving to the PDE building on Market Street while their building is renovated.

Pennsylvania Library Association

- The state budget is at level funding which is \$54.4 million. PaLA is advocating for an increase in library subsidies at the Appropriations Committee of the General Assembly. They have handouts outlining the message coming from PaLA. Libraries should ask their boards to advocate as well.
- Christi Buker participated in a town hall meeting and received positive comments from legislators that participated. Stan Saylor from York County, the Appropriations Committee Chairperson, would like to see funding restored to libraries.
- June Houghtaling demonstrated the PaLA website and toolkits that libraries can use.

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Pennsylvania Library Association Continued

- National Library Week is April 7-13, 2019.
- PALS applications and applications for the Director's Institute are due April 19th. The cost is \$400.00 to attend for members and \$500.00 for non-members.

District

- June discussed the budget and timeline. The budget and agreement will be sent out to the district members for review. The Executive Committee will meet to recommend the budget and agreement to the larger membership. It is due with signatures on May 31, 2019.
- IDS packages are costing 3 times the amount to send then what is budgeted. There was discussion about whether the district should continue paying for OCLC which costs \$5,000 per year.
- IT updates from Josh included a discussion on Windows 7 not being supported after 2020 and how libraries need to plan for that if they have not done so already. The Samepage platform was demonstrated where users can share discussions, upload documents and have group conversations. June will invite all committee members to join so that we can share information.
- Upcoming trainings offered by the district include Safety and Security with Steve Albrecht on a date to be determined and Fundraising with Chad Barger on July 9, 2019

Sharing Session

- Leslie Wishard for Potter/Tioga County shared that they hired Carrie Cleary as the new PAILS executive director. Green Free Library started opening on Sundays.
- Lydia Kegler shared that their insurance for the library allows access to an employment practices liability attorney and encouraged other libraries to check their own insurances to see if this was available.

Motion to adjourn was made and approved by Leslie Wishard and Jeremy Shatley.

Strategic Planning Team Work – the committees based on the strategic plan priorities met to discuss and brainstorm topics in the afternoon. The Samepage platform will be used to share what each group discussed. Committees include Sustainability, Managing Technology, Communicating Value, Facilities Management and District Services.