

Library System of Lancaster County
Minutes of the Board of Directors
Annual Meeting
January 11, 2005

Attendance:

Board Members: Joe Duff, Outgoing President; Fay Snyder, Incoming President; Janet Chalfant, Incoming Vice President; Greg Diehl, Secretary/Treasurer; Glenn Landis, Voting Member; Marianne Melleby, Incoming Voting Member. Absent: Jeff Griel, Outgoing Voting Member; Kay Rohrer, Voting Member; Robert McCarthy, Incoming Voting Member.
Non-Voting: Trish Cox; Bernard Gordon, Representing Lancaster County Library; Sue Leggett; Dale Reinecker; LaVerne Rettew; Commissioner Molly Henderson.

System Staff:

Susan L. Hauer, Library System Administrator; Donna J. Westerhoff, Internal Operations Manager; Renee M. Christiansen, Youth Services Coordinator; Mary Ann Heltshe-Steinhauer, Community Relations Coordinator; William Hudson, Manager, Information Technology; Becky Hynicka, Library Assistant, Special Services; Rhonda Kleiman, Business Information Coordinator; Ed Miller, Special Services Coordinator; Susan Nevin, Acquisitions Technician; Mary Lou Walker, Cataloging Supervisor; Stephanie Zimmerman, Training Coordinator.

Guests:

Katrina Anderson, Director, Quarryville Library; Larry Alexander, Journalist, *Intelligencer Journal*; Deborah Beisell, Director, Elizabethtown Public Library; Barbara Brosey, Director, Manheim Community Library; Jamie Detweiler, Rep. Gordon Denlinger's office; Sandra Dinoff, Director, Strasburg-Heisler Library; JoAnne Foss, Executive Director, Lancaster County Library; Barbara Grater, Ephrata Public Library Board; Bernie Harris, Journalist, *Lancaster New Era*; Jane Horst, Pequea Valley Public Library Board; Lilli Ann Kopp, Milanof-Schock Library Board; Herb Landau, Director, Milanof-Schock Library; Larry Lawrence, President, Lancaster County Library Board; Glenn Miller, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Library Association; Marilyn Motley, Columbia Public Library Board; Margaret Perella, Director, Pequea Valley Public Library; Roseanne Perkins, Director, Adamstown Area Library; Jennifer Raimo, Director, Ephrata Public Library; Charles Rohrer, Pequea Valley Public Library Patron; Debra Rosser-Hogben, Manager, Mountville Branch Library; Pete Shaub, Lancaster County Commissioner; Robert Spotts, President, ELANCO Library Board; Joanne Stecz, Director, Columbia Public Library; Jeri Stelson, Rep. Roy Baldwin's office; Carol Szutowicz, President, Ephrata Public Library Board; Susan Tennant, Director, Lititz Public Library; Mike Wetherhold,

Adamstown Area Library Board; Beth Wood Bergman, Elizabethtown Public Library Board; M. Clare Zales, Deputy Secretary and State Librarian, Commonwealth Libraries; Francis Zimmer, Lancaster County Library Board.

Call to Order

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Library System of Lancaster County was called to order by President Duff at 7:45 PM on Tuesday, January 11, 2005, at the HACC Lancaster Campus Library. A quorum was present.

President Duff introduced Mike Klunk, Vice President, Regional Campuses, HACC. Klunk welcomed the Library System and meeting guests, and thanked them for holding the Annual Meeting in the newly renovated library. He introduced Brad Wolf, Dean of Academic Affairs; and Jeanne Herman, Director, Lancaster Campus Library.

Duff acknowledged and welcomed the following guests: Jeri Stelson from State Representative Roy Baldwin's office; Jamie Detweiler from State Representative Gordon Denlinger's office; Glenn Miller, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Library Association; Commissioners Molly Henderson and Pete Shaub.

Commissioner Shaub thanked the Library System for inviting him to the Annual Meeting, and charged the System with exploring state and local funding. He stated that if it is found that a referendum is needed, the System will have his full support.

Commissioner Henderson reported that Commissioner Shellenberger regretted that he was unable to attend the meeting.

Secretary's Report
Minutes
Approval

Greg Diehl referred to the minutes of the January 20, 2004, annual meeting as included in the Board mailing. The minutes were approved as presented.

State of the Library
System of
Lancaster
County

Susan Hauer gave a brief overview of the past year and noted that 2004 was a year of healing and planning. Various System committees have been active in moving the System toward consensus and cooperation. Member libraries have been empowered through the directors' ownership of the Directors Council, and a liaison to the System Board was appointed. Strategic Planning for the System and libraries, and the valuable community information gathered, will benefit all residents of Lancaster County.

For 2005, the Library System Board of Directors has approved the creation of a Funding Task Force to study the issue of doing a referendum, or other form of stable, secure and sufficient funding. Kay Rohrer has agreed to act as the Convener for the Task Force. Hauer stressed that no process has been determined regarding possible milage or distribution. All interested person are invited to join the Task Force by contacting the System office.

Election of 2005
Officers

Joe Duff, Chair, Nominating Committee, presented the following slate of officers for 2005and asked for discussion on each. There was none.

President	Fay Snyder
Vice President	Janet Chalfant
Secretary/Treasurer	Greg Diehl

Motion On motion by Glenn Landis, the System Board of Directors approved the appointment of Fay Snyder as President of the Library System Board of Directors for 2005. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion On motion by Glenn Landis, the System Board of Directors approved the appointment of Janet Chalfant as Vice President of the Library System Board of Directors for 2005. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion On motion by Glenn Landis, the System Board of Directors approved the appointment of Greg Diehl as Secretary/Treasurer of the Library System Board of Directors for 2005. Motion carried unanimously.

Welcome Incoming
Officers

Joe Duff congratulated the incoming slate of officers,.

Farewell to
Outgoing
Officers

Fay Snyder thanked Joe Duff for his leadership and support over the years, and read the following proclamation:

*Whereas **Joseph Duff** has demonstrated a strong dedication to the importance of public library service in Lancaster County, and*

*Whereas **Joseph Duff** worked enthusiastically and tirelessly on reorganizing and stabilizing the Library System of Lancaster County, and*

*Whereas through the vision and energy of **Joseph Duff**, the Library System of Lancaster County has been set on a course to succeed for many years to come, and*

*Whereas **Joseph Duff** served as President of the Board of Directors of the Library System of Lancaster County, therefore be it*

*Resolved that the Board of Directors of the Library System of Lancaster County on this 11th day of January 2005, does hereby express appreciation and gratitude to **Joseph Duff** for his contributions and services to the Library System of Lancaster County, its thirteen member libraries and all citizens of Lancaster County.*

*Be it further resolved that the Board of Directors of the Library System of Lancaster County declares that this Annual Meeting on the 11th day of January 2005 be dedicated to **Joseph Duff**.*

*Further be it resolved that the Board of Directors of the Library System of Lancaster County declares that this day, the 11th of January 2005, be known as **Joseph Duff Day**.*

Change in Voting
and Non-Voting
Status

Fay Snyder reported that, per the Rotation Schedule, Columbia and Milanof-Schock libraries become voting members in 2005. She welcomed Bob McCarthy, Columbia, and Marianne Melleby, Milanof-Schock. Quarryville and Lancaster libraries rotate off the voting Board. She thanked Joe Duff and Jeffrey Griel for their service as voting members.

2005 Meeting
Schedule

President Snyder referred to the Meeting Schedule for 2005 included in the Board mailing. She noted that per the Library System Bylaws, the schedule for the year must be approved at the annual meeting.

Motion

On motion by Janet Chalfant, the System Board approved the 2005 Meeting Schedule as presented. Motion carried 5 - 0.

In compliance with the Bylaws, public notice of the meetings ran in the December 31, 2004 Lancaster newspapers.

Administrator
Recognition

Bill Hudson, representing the System staff, presented Susan Hauer, System Administrator, with a gift and card of appreciation from the staff. He highlighted some of her many accomplishments and thanked her, on behalf of the staff, for her leadership during the past year.

Funding Task Force

President Snyder reiterated that in order to explore a source of stable, secure and sufficient funding, a Funding Task Force is being created, and interested persons are invited to join.

Trustee of the Year
Awards

The Library System of Lancaster County initiated a Trustee Recognition program to recognize a Trustee of the Year at the Annual Meeting. Nominations were requested for trustees, both current and past, who have made a major contribution to libraries in the areas of preservation, growth or development.

Barbara Grater, Ephrata Public Library board member, is the recipient of this year's award. Jennifer Raimo, Director of the Ephrata Library, submitted the nomination and reported that Grater has been involved with the Ephrata Library since 1987, serving in numerous capacities, including President, Vice President, and Treasurer of the board, a member of Ephrata's fundraising task force, the chair of the District Advisory Council and Interim System Administrator. She can be counted on consistently to work at the book sales, and through her efforts, \$200,000 was procured for an endowment for children's books.

Keynote Address

Clare Zales, Deputy Secretary of Education and State Librarian, Commonwealth Libraries, presented the evening's keynote address, *Why Public Library Service is Worthy of the Investment of Public Dollars*.

She compared PA public library funding nationally, in Pennsylvania, and in Lancaster County. Nationally, 80% of library operating income comes from local government, but in Lancaster County, that figure is 40%. Lancaster County's libraries depend much more heavily on state and community funding than the national or PA average.

No level of government is mandated to support libraries in Pennsylvania. In a comparison with surrounding states, she noted that Maryland has a county library tax, and one-half of Pennsylvania libraries are funded less than the poorest-funded libraries in New Jersey. Yet all Pennsylvania citizens have access to libraries.

America in the 21st Century is moving from an industry-based to information-based society. Studies show that most of what people learn they learned through free-choice learning. Ms. Zales announced that a 3-year study called *Free-Choice Learning* and involving 13 states will be conducted to determine what choices residents are making in gaining information.

Ms. Zales quoted a phrase found in the old Education Building in which Commonwealth Libraries is located: *Democracy is dependent on the education of the electorate.*

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Public Comment None.

Adjournment

Motion

On motion by Glenn Landis, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.
Motion carried, 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna J. Westerhoff
Recording Secretary