

**LILRC Legislative Committee
Minutes
September 12, 2006
Farmingdale Public Library**

Present: Herb Biblo, Deborah Cunningham, Kim DeCristofaro, Art Friedman, Frank McKenna, Hugh Mahoney, James Olney, Carol Probeyahn, Marya Shepherd for Kevin McCoy, Charles Sleaf.

Frank McKenna called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

The minutes from the prior meeting were accepted by Hugh Mahoney and seconded by Frank.

LILRC – Herb Biblo will be going up to Albany. Meeting on Task Force proposal for next year’s push. Kathy Miller is the Chair. There is a 20% increase across the board on 917 and additional monies for public libraries, collection development for academic and additional school, \$5 million for Novel. Herb stated concern for the “unknowns”. NYSHEI is to lobby for \$15 million for high-end databases. What will the Board of Regents’ State Ed. Propose? There are many rumors. There may be three different programs that librarians will be lobbying for. This can be divisive but can also get more people out there and involved. We need to frame the entire issue.

Frank asked Art Friedman to enumerate the various “spokes” of the libraries’ wheel of financial needs to be lobbied for to legislators. We need to expand the total package and the proportions are in contention.

Legislative Breakfasts –

Suffolk – So far 66 have signed up for Suffolk’s. Deborah Cunningham will send an SCLA List-Serv reminder. Art stated that we should thank legislators-point them out, especially Owen Johnson who chairs the Finance Committee and was instrumental in passing library funding. Kevin McCoy has offered SCCC for next year’s breakfast. Kim DeCristofaro (Dir. Of host library) needs a list of legislators/aides and attendees and will call the caterer to advise what time they will arrive. Tables will be flagged by district/legislators. James will ask Dr. Burrows what a/v needs he may have. LILRC is making the nametags-different for legislators/aides. James Olney and Deborah will “man” the sign-in table with Kim. James and Deborah will work on the wording and preparation of the agenda to be placed at each seat and the poster on an easel to be used for photo-ops. Poster to say “Long Island Libraries thank our legislators for their support” or something like that. Deborah will bring SCLA membership applications. Min Liu will take photos. Art agreed to be Master of Ceremonies for both breakfasts.

Nassau- So far 61 have signed up. They plan to stay with the usual procedure; Herb will be introduced, legislators/aides acknowledged, Art to make remarks.

Herb suggested we follow up and call non-responding legislators directly.

Nassau Liaison- Nassau will be offering a refund of the sign-up bus fee for Lobby Day when attendees get on the bus. There is a Directors meeting next week and Jackie thresher will call/send a reminder message for the breakfast and of the new venue.

Suffolk Liaison- Deborah will contact Susan Gottesman (Pres. SCLA) to see what she would like to say and confirm her attendance. If she will not be there or does not wish to speak, Deborah will say a few words.

Old Business- Art distributed and discussed several news articles regarding computers in libraries, Maryland's funding campaign, the Libraries Matter campaign and that school library aid has not increased in recent years.

New Business- Herb announced LILRC's Annual Archives Program on 10/6 and other upcoming programs sponsored by LILRC. A reception is being sponsored by LILRC, Palmer School, and Joe Price Insurance at Lillian's Restaurant during NYLA in Saratoga, NY. 11/16 is LILRC's Annual Business Meeting at the deSeversky Center. Roger Tilles, a regent, is speaker-all are welcome.

Next meeting date TBA. Frank McKenna adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Cunningham