

SLING

Meeting Minutes, September 9, 2009

2:00-3:00 p.m.

Judy Davis called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were: Shannon Boker, Mary Budde, Donna Camden, Connie Culbertson, Alayna Davies-Smith, Krystina Kelley, Jennifer Lara, Paul Macios, Annette Mills, Judy Rake, Joyce Reid, Kedra Schuster, Cindy Spencer, Lisa Taffe, Sarah Thompson, Susie Tindell, Tracy von der Linden, Pat Wandling, and Debra Weiler.

The minutes from the March 12, 2009 meeting were approved by Annette Mills and seconded by Alayna Davies-Smith.

Judy Rake discussed this year's changes in the Illinois public school district library grant program. She asked that school libraries send her printed copies of their completed grant application for the 2010-2011 school year. Judy advised that libraries keep the grant award as a separate line item in your library budget if possible. Judy asked that we let her know when we receive our application letters to whom the letter was sent. Judy recommended that schools complete the working draft. This year, there is not a separate page for each school in your district, and the school board president's signature is no longer required. Also, the housing counts are part of the actual survey. For any project where participants receive library service (an example is preschool), you can use the counts. One term of this grant award is that librarians will need to schedule to a presentation on Linking for Learning at a school board meeting.

Judy recommended applying for the professional development grant for ISLMA that comes out in January.

The Illinois School Library Media Association (ISLMA) conference will be held in Springfield October 29-November 1 with early bird registration through September 21.

Judy called for a SLING program planning committee. Four people should email Judy if they are interested. Some ideas for topics included inviting a guest speaker, collection development, book challenges, best practices, I-SAIL, fundraisers, and small program ideas sharing. We may split up into separate groups for elementary, middle, and high.

ISLMA is looking for nominations for the 2011 Bluestem award for grades 3-5. You can nominate classics for this award. The next SLING meeting will be November 12. Judy will post supplementary information after each L2 event. Look for the URLs.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm.

Submitted by Lisa Taffe, Secretary