

WILR Board Meeting
May 4, 2011

Members present: Sarah Jeong, Carol Laing, Jennie Hunt, Laura Weigand, Mary McAfee, Ruth Hoyle, Jenny Boneno

We met at the Green Bean in Greensboro. It's been a while since we've all been together as a group and so we went around the table and caught everyone up on what's happening both professionally and personally.

Down to business—Jennie will forward our financial status as soon as she receives the report from NCLA. We should have about the same balance as the last time we met, which is about \$3300. We currently have 25 members.

Someone (Jennie?) suggested that we post a short memorial on the WILR webpage in honor of our friend Betty Mehan-Black. Laura wrote a lovely statement and Sarah will post it to the web.

We made suggestions for new members of our Executive Board. So far, the following positions have been decided:

Chair—Joan Sherif

Chair Elect—Carol Laing

Past Chair—Jennie Hunt

Website—Sarah Jeong

Secretary—Jenny Boneno

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Director—Laura Weigand

Member Emeritus—Ruth Hoyle

Suggestions for new members: Teresa Bishop (New Hanover) and Jahala Simuel, who is already serving as backup for Sarah on the website; Laura also suggested Nastasha Johnson from A&T Univ. We will decide on these positions at the next meeting.

We talked about how to revitalize WILR and raise our membership numbers and get librarians talking about WILR again. At this time we have about 25 members. We talked about emailing a welcome to new members and emailing members who've recently dropped from our membership and ask them to come back. I'm very willing to do this if I can get the email addresses. I also think it would be good to create a mailing list to send a newsletter or interesting information occasionally (I thought of this while everyone was talking and then promptly forgot to mention it when the conversation changed). We also talked about looking at our objective or mission and trying to refocus our energy on the original intention of the group, which is, according to the bylaws:

(a) to unite in this group North Carolina Library Association members who are interested in women's issues in libraries;

(b) to provide a forum for the discussion of the concerns of women in libraries and how these concerns affect the profession as a whole;

(c) to provide for exchange of information among all components of the North Carolina Library Association with the goal of increasing understanding of current issues affecting women within the profession;

(d) to give stimulus, support, and information to the Association and its various components in encouraging library policy and decision makers to be more aware of and responsive to these issues and concerns;

(e) to present programs and carry out other appropriate activities; and

(f) to seek to fulfill the objectives of the North Carolina Library Association.

CONFERENCE 2011, Hickory, NC—We have changed our focus from Succession Planning to the intergenerational workplace OR something to do with work/life balance. Sarah will investigate a speaker for this (she emailed today that the speaker she knew of who was conducting a workshop at WFU, is from California and would be too costly). Our task now is to find another speaker to address one of these topics, preferably a work/life balance speaker who is funny! We like the idea of doing a program on succession planning at a later time, when we have more money. The cost of the SP program was going to take everything we have in our treasury. For the fall conference, we need to look at making money instead of losing it. The deadline for programs (topics & times) is May 15th. We will also have a WILR table and we can decide the details at our next meeting. I've emailed Jeanne Robertson, humorist and motivational speaker, to get estimates for a luncheon program and will email you when I hear back from her or her assistant. She lives in Burlington, so hopefully, she could make a daytrip and further help us keep costs low.

MARILYN MILLER AWARD

Jennie will post an announcement to the listserve, calling for nominees in June. They will continue every few weeks until the due date on August 1st. Information about the award is also posted to the website.

NEXT MEETING

No meeting date was set for the next meeting but we did agree that we should have another one at the end of May or beginning of June. Several members mentioned that Friday, June 3rd would be a good day to meet. Should we tentatively set the next meeting for 6/3 at 10AM?

That's all for now! Suggestions or corrections are welcome!

Jenny Boneno, Secretary
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