

SMLC Continuing Education Committee
Thursday January 25, 2007
10 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m.
Attending were: Darlene Jackson, Niles District Library
Gail Powers-Schaub, SMLC

Minutes of the Nov. 14, 2006 meeting were accepted.

Old Business

Gail distributed the calendar and reviewed upcoming workshops and meetings. Planned events have been well received, and we are doing well with our budget. We need to plan for 6 more workshops for this fiscal year. We decided to hold only two over June, July and August, due to Summer reading.

Gail reported on the mini-CEU survey done in December. Five libraries responded, and we learned there was no particular need among the respondents for CEUs. We agreed to forge ahead with our planning.

New Business

Staff Development – Darlene advanced the idea of taking co-op wide what individual libraries do for staff development. Also look at agendas from past Boot Camps.

Ideas for upcoming programs include:

- Contact Laura Rhoades at WNIT in Elkhart for her traveling workshops (she has one on using TV as a literacy tool)
- Out of Building Programming – Making Community Connections
- Library Law for Staff – someone from LM
- Strategic Planning for Staff – Char Ezell
- Laughter in the Workplace – Martha Bronson Banks
- Security and Safety Issues – Local law enforcement
- Managing Volunteers – Volunteer Center speaker
- Board Training – Volunteer Center speaker
- Ethnic Sensitivity – Pedro Navia, Andrews University
- Reader's Advisory Panel with Swap and Shop
- Book Talk Panel

We agreed to ask each committee member to provide three suggestions of topics with good speakers for potential programs. Darlene prepared a sample of her suggestions.

We decided that we will not schedule another meeting for this year, leaving room to plan a wrap-up meeting in September and to launch the next year's planning

Thanks to Darlene and Niles District Library for hosting this meeting.

