

New Castle District Meeting  
May 13, 2022  
Kittanning Public Library

In attendance:

Amy Geisinger – Office of Commonwealth Libraries  
Neva Lilla – New Castle District Consultant  
Andrew Henley – New Castle Public Library  
Andrea Kiehl-McKibbin – Ford City Public Library  
Krista Conway – Kittanning Public Library  
Sarah Buzzard – Apollo Memorial Library  
Leslie Pallotta – Cranberry Public Library  
Amy Gallagher – Grove City Community Library  
Lori Hinderliter – Butler Area Public Library  
Dalton – Worthington West Franklin Community Library  
Jeanne Ball – Greenville Area Public Library  
Curt Friehs – Evans City Public Library  
Shari Hunt – Prospect Community Library  
Maggie Boyland – Zelienople Area Public Library  
Caitlyn Boland – Mars Area Public Library  
Amanda Musko – FD Campbell Memorial Library  
Veronica Pacella – Ellwood City Public Library  
Wendy Kellogg – Lakeview Area Public Library  
Robert Vique – Mars Area Public Library

Call to Order: Neva brought the meeting to order at 9:35am.

Financial Report: The Third Quarter 2021-2022 Expenditures were reviewed.

District Negotiated Agreement: The District Agreement was reviewed. There is only one change in terminology. Signatures were collected.

## Office of Commonwealth Libraries Update:

- Sue Banks has been officially named as the Deputy Secretary, Commissioner of Libraries and State Librarian.
- Library Advisor Supervisor announcement will soon be made.
- A Library Advisor position will be posted soon.
- Amy Geisinger has been named the new State Data Coordinator
- American Rescue Funds (ARF) are still available. Legislators will decide how to reallocate remaining monies.
- Another round of Keystone Grant round will be announced in June or July according to Ed Lupica.
- Libraries may still be able to sign up for the Summer Food Program.
- The Office of Commonwealth Library staff will be working to develop new goals for LSTA grants. A survey was distributed to libraries for input.

## District Updates: Neva provided the following update:

- Neva welcomed Andrew Henley to the New Castle District Center. Andrew has been named the new director for the New Castle Public Library, the Lawrence County System Administrator, and the New Castle District Director. Andrew wants to become better acquainted with the district libraries. He loves technology and hopes to improve connectivity in rural areas. Andrew can be reached at [director@ncdl.org](mailto:director@ncdl.org) or (724) 714-4232.
- District Support Funds forms need to be submitted ASAP. (No later than May 19<sup>th</sup>)
- SNOE Office Hours have convened. Fridays, 9:30-11am.
- The district consultant agreement with the Aliquippa District will continue. If funding is increased, a district consultant position will be filled.
- Karen Pierce has been named as the District Administrator in Erie.

## Workshops and Events:

- The Fundraising for Trustees & Volunteers workshop will be recorded for those are unable to attend.
- The Welcoming Deaf Patrons to Your Library offered by the Oil Creek District has been recorded. More information can be found on the District Website.

- Submission for future trainings are welcomed  
Possible topics: the future of broadband, various modes of communication, safety and security.

#### Upcoming Meetings:

- August 18 – Slippery Rock Community Library – Recorder: TBD
- November 18 – Butler Area Public Library – Recorder: TBD

#### Sharing:

- Tiffany Harkleroad will be reading at the PBS Booth for the book festival in Lawrenceville.
- A joint library book sale will be held in Ford City on Saturday.
- Several in attendance discussed the pros and cons of various library related conferences.

#### Adjournment: