

MEMORANDUM

TO: NSLS Board Legislative Committee

FROM: Sarah Ann Long

DATE: March 29, 2006

RE: Meeting Agenda
Friday, March 31, 2006
4:00 p.m. - System Center

The following items have been placed on the agenda:

1. Welcome – Kathy Caudill, Chair
2. Approval of draft minutes from January 30 meeting (attached)
3. Candidate awareness campaign
 - List of candidates
http://blogs.nsls.info/adlib/archives/2006/03/election_result.php#more
 - Talking points from Kathy Caudill (attached)
4. Revised Advocacy Card program
5. National Library Legislative Day – May 1 & 2
 - Orientation April 26 at NSLS
6. Discussion of library cards for businesses
7. Other
8. Next Meeting
9. Adjournment

NORTH SUBURBAN LIBRARY SYSTEM
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, January 30, 2006
5:00 p.m. – System Center

Draft – Subject to
Approval

Minutes

PERSONS PRESENT:

Kathy Caudill, Chair; Kathy Berman; Chad Raymond, Adelaide Rowe; Glen Williams; Sarah Long; Lauren Rosenthal

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

1. Approved minutes of January 26 meeting by consensus
2. Discussed approaches to candidates for upcoming election
3. Review of approaches that might be made re: library cards for businesses
4. Debriefed “Lobbying for Smarties” program on 1/16
5. Reviewed of advocacy card program
6. Reviewed Sunshine Week

ITEMS FOR FOLLOW UP:

1. Next agenda: Compile list of candidates in our area and talking points (discuss at next meeting)
2. Next agenda: Discuss library cards for businesses
3. Next agenda: Advocacy card update
4. Send out details of Sunshine Week 2006

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, February 27, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. an NSLS

Library Advocacy
“Talking Points” for Discussions with Legislators
February 8, 2006

1. *The Public Library as the heart of a community.*
Possible examples:
 - a. Often the first place that some people visit when they decide where to live.
 - b. Programming for all ages – children, seniors and all ages in between. (Give examples.)
 - c. Meeting rooms. (Give examples of groups using the space.)

2. *Libraries in the age of Google – books and so much more!*
Possible examples:
 - a. Programs and services (unique to your library.)
 - b. Notary services.
 - c. Voter registration.
 - d. Study rooms.
 - e. Digital books.

3. *Democracy in action - access for all.*
Possible examples:
 - a. Computer and internet access for all.
 - b. ESL classes.
 - c. Textbooks, reference materials, and research resources for students.
 - d. Tax preparation services.