

Legislative Committee
Meeting notes
Johnson County Library, Buffalo
July 6, 2007

Committee members present: Cynthia Twing, Chair, Boyd Broughton, Bill Nelson, Paul Heimer, Cathy Butler, Dail Barbour, Maggie Farrell, Carey Hartman, Dale Collum, WLA Lobbyist Marian Schultz and ex officio member Lesley Boughton.

Committee meeting started at 8:15 am.

Endowment Legislation

Marian provided an update on her meetings with Governor Freudenthal's staff. The endowment bill will not be included in his budget as he is concerned about the state budget since revenues will not be as strong this year. However, he recommended that WLA go through the legislative process. Sen. Schiffer recommends that we find a sponsor who is a new legislator. The committee discussed possible sponsors in the Senate and House. We need the sponsor designated by the end of July and provide lists of possible co-sponsors to the primary sponsor. A meeting with the Governor will still be good and Marian will arrange by the end of July.

Sponsor possibilities in priority:

1. Hank Coe – Cynthia will ask Francis Clymer to meet with Hank by the end of July. When a date is set, then other committee members will also attend.
2. Jim Anderson – Cynthia will contact Karen Hopkins
3. Eli Bebout – Marian and Jill Rouke
4. Grant Larson – Dail

Other sponsors that will be contacted:

- Kermit Brown – Paul and Maggie
 - Roy Cohee – Bill
 - Drew Perkins – Bill
 - Steve Harshman – Bill
- Sponsors from the previous bill will also be contacted.

Committee discussed grassroots initiatives including asking for county resolutions and support from county commissioners. Maggie will resend the resolution from and approved by September if at all possible. Have the signed resolutions sent to Cynthia.

- Albany – Paul
- Big Horn - Cathy
- Campbell - Cathy
- Carbon – Paul
- Converse - Bill
- Crook - Cynthia
- Fremont - Bill
- Goshen - Carey
- Hot Springs - Cynthia
- Johnson - Cynthia

Laramie –Carey
Lincoln - Dail
Natrona – Bill
Niobrara – Bill
Park – Francis and Cathy
Platte – Paul
Sheridan – Cathy
Sublette – Dail
Sweetwater – Boyd
Teton - Dail
Uinta – Dale
Washakie – Cynthia
Weston – Cathy

Additional grassroots efforts will need to be developed and County Foundations will be an integral component of articulating the need for the endowment legislation.

County Valuations draft distributed by Bill.

WLA Conference

Governor Freudenthal invited but has not confirmed. Cynthia will inquire of his office. Lesley will send the Governor’s strategic objective to Cynthia.

WLA Legislative Reception

The date has not been determined yet.

Wyoming State Library Budget

Lesley briefed the committee on state budgets and that the Governor has instructed agencies to not request additional appropriations. There will be some staff changes as folks retire and changes within the Department of Administration and Information. The State Library will be working on their plans to move into the former county library. The State Library will turn in a report on the Libraries’ Funding Amendment and is due October 1. All of the libraries will need to turn in information to the State Library and the State Library will send to libraries instructions fairly soon.

Directors’ Retreat

Marian will provide an update for the retreat.

Next Meeting

Committee will discuss grassroots efforts and the meeting will be held during WLA Conference.

Legislative Committee Chair

Cynthia will be on the ballot for WLA Vice Chair so we will consider a possible change in leadership in the fall.

Chair Twing adjourned the meeting at 10:30 am.

Action Items

Lesley will send the Governor's strategic objectives to Cynthia.

Marian will arrange a meeting between the committee and Governor Freudenthal.

Marian will inquire as to the Governor's availability for speaking at the WLA conference.

Cynthia will speak with Francis to arrange a meeting with Sen. Coe.

Maggie will resend the resolution information to committee members.

Work on the resolutions – see the list.