

Iowa Small Library Association
Planning Meeting
1/19/07

Pat Means called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. Those present were:

Pat Means – Chair – Villisca - SW

Sarah Willeford – Vice-Chair – Clarinda - SW

Toni Johnson – Secretary – Lake Mills - NC

Wanda Gardner – Treasurer – LeClaire - SE

Tena Hanson – Public Relations – Milford – NW

Ellen Rehlander – Rake – NC

Jane McGrane – Ionia – NE

Cindy Miller – Griswold – SW

Jan Frank-de Ois – Shenandoah – SW

Nathan R.E. Clark – Ruthven/Emmetsburg – NW

Susan Blythe – Conrad – NE

Chair, Pat Means, asked that we each introduce ourselves, give our population, size of library and which region we were in. After introductions, Pat gave a talk on “Why we are Here”, which was to decide on a purpose and to figure out how to get more libraries involved in our organization. She then introduced, Sandy Dixon, from the State Library, as our facilitator.

Sandy then divided us into small groups to come up with a purpose. After discussion, the group decided that we would have a “Mission Statement” that would be as follows: The Iowa Small Library Association is an active networking organization that strengthens and advocates for public libraries with a population under 10,000.

We then went over the results of the ISLA survey.

Discussion was then held on what the strengths, weaknesses, threats and opportunities were for the organization.

We then worked on what we felt the goals/directives should be for our group. They are:

1. Provide opportunities for personal networking with members
2. Attract more small libraries as members
3. Improve communication with members (i.e.) minutes, benefits of membership.
4. Deliver C.E.'s in convenient locations.

Pat then told us what is going on right now. She and Tena Hanson are working on a web site and are also considering having a link off of the I LA web site. She is also working with I LA on sponsoring a session at the 2007 I LA conference in Coralville. She also discussed the spring meeting and workshop which will be an ICN meeting. There will be three ICN sites offered. The locations have not been decided upon. The business meeting will be in the morning with a workshop in the afternoon. An accreditation topic is being considered.

After thanking Sandy Dixon and the participants, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Toni J. Johnson
Recording Secretary