Meeting Minutes

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LACUNY Disability Services Roundtable Meeting Minutes, December 2009

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Meeting called to order 1:40 PM.

Present: Karen Mason, Chair, Medgar Evers; Scott Sheidlower, York; Susan Voge, Lehman (by phone).

I. The roundtable's mission statement has been found, but it had never been put on the website. Therefore, the roundtable has decided to revise it. The statement should state our goals. We discussed changes; for example, the last paragraph should be changed to bullet points. We want to add to it a goal of “being a resource for libraries that need to order assistive technology” and to get rid of goal about finding grants. We want to add a paragraph concerning “keeping in contact with other CUNY disability groups/programs/offices, etc. There is also a need for changes in some of the language. Karen will rewrite it and fix the language and send the mission statement to every body on the committee by mid-January for final comments.

A Disability Roundtable Mission Statement currently in use but not posted to the LACUNY web site was discussed for revisions. Several changes were suggested:
- The last paragraph should be arranged into bullet points
- Add a goal of “being a resource for CUNY libraries in acquiring and using assistive technology
- Delete the goal of finding grants
- Add wording about “keeping in contact with other CUNY disability groups, programs and offices”

Karen will rewrite the Mission Statement and send the new version to all committee members by the end of January for final comments.

II. Karen will arrange a tour of the Andrew Haskell library for April for disability awareness month.

Karen will arrange a tour of the Andrew Heiskell Braille and Talking Book Library on 40 west 20th street. This could be done in April for Disability Awareness Month.

III. We will also look into creating a threefold brochure of what to expect when visiting or using each of the CUNY campuses based upon Mounir’s research.

Group discussed creating a threefold brochure listing CUNY libraries resources for disabled including hardware, software, equipment and wheelchair access. Mounir Khalil has already compiled some of this information.
IV. For disability awareness month, Scott will contact Patricia Woodward of the Teacher Education Department of Hunter College at and ask her to speak about hidden disabilities, possibly along with a Social Worker.

Suggestion was made to do a workshop on reference assistance for people with Hidden Disabilities also in April as part of Disability Awareness month. Scott suggested that the Education Department at Hunter College may be a source for a speaker on this topic. He will ask Patricia Woodward (212-650-3653) in the Hunter library for assistance in locating a speaker as she handles library services for students with disabilities,

V. The LACUNY Multicultural Roundtable declined to co-sponsor a workshop with Disability Roundtable as they consider their mission more about library staff. Karen will contact the Reference Roundtable about cosponsoring the Hidden Disabilities program.

VI. Officers -- Scott has agreed to be the roundtable’s secretary and Karen will continue as the president through April when elections of new officers will be held.

VII. Next meeting will be February 16 from 10 to 12. Karen will contact Baruch, and if the 16th doesn’t work out we will see if we can meet on the 23rd.

We adjourned to 2:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Sheidlower
Secretary
York College