

**Minutes – Library Advisory Committee  
February 25, 2008**

Members of the Ozarka College Paul Weaver Library Advisory Committee gathered at 5:00 p.m. in the Miller building auditorium, for their Spring 2008 meeting. Members present included Melissia Cooper, Mary Ellen Hawkins, Madeliene Coffey, new member Charlotte Knox, and Dan Lindsey. Following opening remarks to all of Ozarka's advisory committee members by Dr. Michael DeLong and Dr. Dusty Johnson, the library committee adjourned to the library for its meeting.

Mary Ellen distributed packets containing: the Agenda, the Function of the Library Advisory Committee, the Advisory Committee Guidelines, a list of members, a Paul Weaver Library fact sheet, a Library User Survey and an Advisory Committee Survey.

Mary Ellen called the members' attention to the Library Facts handout, which provided information regarding library traffic, electronic database use, current value of the library collection, recent library displays, plus teaching and conferences sessions in which the library staff has recently participated. Melissia Cooper thanked the library for allowing her students to display books they had made in class. She also expressed interest in investigating the Explore Izard County Internet site which the library had highlighted in a recent display. Mary Ellen next asked members to look over the Library User Survey and make suggestions for changes or updates to its questions. Some questions were deemed outdated, and changes were suggested that would let the survey reflect the library's current resources. Members were then asked to look over the Advisory Committee Survey, which could be completed at a later date and mailed back to the library.

In other discussion, Melissia Cooper informed the group that the Arkansas State Board of Education will, beginning this fall, establish guidelines for teaching library skills to students through grade eight. It will be interesting, Mary Ellen noted, to see how this will affect the level of library knowledge that freshmen students will show in a few years.

Mary Ellen asked for committee input on purchasing e-books, specifically some e-book reference titles. This had been discussed in a previous Library Advisory Committee meeting, but had been tabled due to lack of interest. The committee agreed that e-books have become more widely used, and suggested that electronic reference works would be a good way for the Paul Weaver Library to share resources among its three campuses. After some discussion, they agreed that the library should go ahead and purchase an e-book reference database.

The group rejoined the other advisory committees at 6:00 p.m. in the Culinary Arts Dining Hall for an evening meal prepared by the Ozarka Culinary Arts staff.