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To: Lycoming Law Association  
From: Joel McDermott  
Re: Community Outreach & Activities Committee Annual Report 2009  
Date: January 4, 2010

On March 5, 2009 the Committee met in order to review a grant request from the Curtin Middle School Parent Teacher Organization. The request was for \$1,000 to purchase books for an American Legal Studies section for the newly revamped Curtin Middle School Library (purchased through Otto's Bookstore, which offered a 20% discount). The Outreach Committee voted to recommend that the Foundation approve the request, and the Foundation did so. Other organizations, most notably the Carson Scholars Fund, contributed to other aspects of the renovation of the library and the creation of a "Ben Carson Reading Room", with the happy result that the whole event was fairly well-publicized.

The second and last meeting of 2009 took place on October 1. The Committee met to discuss several grant proposals, of which two were approved for recommendation to the Foundation. The first was a \$1,489 request from NPLS to pay for a staff attorney to attend a multi-day training conference on consumer law in Philadelphia. This was recommended and approved without reduction.

The second was a request for \$3,352 from Alex Hartmann of the Lycoming County Law Library in order to digitize the approximately one hundred and seventy 3-ring binders of local ordinances, codes, et cetera, currently available only in paper form at the James V. Brown Library. Once scanned, the materials will be made available online through the James V. Brown website, and Mr. Hartmann has agreed to make sure that the materials will be placed in a public section of the website so that [www.lycolaw.org](http://www.lycolaw.org) can easily contain a link to the materials. The Outreach Committee voted to approve \$2,952.00, as the remaining \$400 requested was for the purpose of maintaining and updating the materials scanned, which the Committee felt was a cost that could and should be borne by the Library.

Both of the requests recommended by the Outreach Committee were approved by the Foundation Board.

At the October 1, 2009 meeting, Joel McDermott announced that he would be stepping down from his post as Chair of the Outreach Committee. Don Martino took over as Chair in early December.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel McDermott