## District 5 Meeting September 27, 2019 Stanly Community College 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Present: Cindy Baker (Mitchell), Cheryl Coyle (Central Piedmont), Joel Ferdon (Stanly), Dana Glauner (South Piedmont), Retha Hall (Central Piedmont), Grant LeFoe (South Piedmont), Emily Leachman (Central Piedmont), Leslie Queen (Cleveland), Beverly Rufty (Mitchell), Sarah Sowa (Mitchell), Jennifer Stevens (Isothermal), Libby Stone (Gaston), Barb Thorson (Mitchell), Colleen Turnage (NCCCSO), Courtney Wierckz (Mitchell), Charles Wiggins (Isothermal)

Others Present: Lauren Clossey (State Library of NC)
President John Enamait (President of Stanly Community College)

- Joel Ferdon welcomed the group to Stanly Community College. Refreshments were provided as people arrived.
- John Enamait, President of Stanly Community College, greeted folks and highlighted some of the programs unique to SCC. He described the challenges facing Stanly, as well as other community colleges, and described how Stanly has overcome them. They have experienced a gain in students this year due to increased advising on campus. Safety and security have also been a focus at Stanly. It is in future plans to be able to lock down the entire campus with the push of a button.
- Lauren Clossey gave a presentation about the services offered by the State Library of North Carolina.

A few important highlights included:

- 1. a description of the three main areas under the State Library umbrella
- 2. LSTA grant descriptions, due dates, and examples of each
- 3. continuing education opportunities were discussed (both in-person and virtual opportunities are available)
- 4. scholarships for continuing education opportunities were highlighted
- 5. the State Library offers a professional development collection for check out (see Lib Guide for information)
- 6. program kits are also available for checkout
- 7. participants were encouraged to sign up for the library development blog which will highlight important dates, upcoming events, and announcements
- Libby Stone and Cheryl Coyle reported from the Advocacy Committee. They discussed the importance of advocating for our libraries. Since the committee was formed, work has been slow, but steady. Gathering data and information to share with stakeholders has been a primary task. The committee hopes to continue moving forward with its goal of helping North Carolina Community College Libraries be recognized as an integral part of educating the students we serve. The group hopes to reach out to the President's Advocacy group to gain their support. A flyer was distributed to aid library directors

who may be in talks with their superiors about hiring additional staff or needing to justify their current library budget.

Submitted by: Leslie Queen District 5 Secretary