

**Minutes**  
GALA Meeting  
March 19, 2009  
Callaway Gardens

Present:

Judy Griffin  
Billie Izard  
Debbie McIntyre  
Sherri Perry  
Paige Pushkin

Items Discussed:

- Paige suggested GALA establish an outcomes chart to track progress. Paige has examples that can be used/adapted for GALA purposes.
- The group reaffirmed we are interested in sponsoring either a workshop or a breakfast meeting during the OAE annual conference in October. A breakfast was suggested because more people might be able to attend that rather than a concurrent workshop.
- The group reaffirmed that when the fact sheet is complete and we are a bit closer to the October OAE conference, Billie will draft a letter “announcing” GALA and its purpose which invites people to attend the breakfast or workshop and join our efforts – to be sent after review and approval by GALA members.
- Paige announced that LAI is one of the recipients of the Dollar General advocacy grants announced during the January 28<sup>th</sup> event. The grant will be committed to GALA efforts – used to: get the word out, craft a unified message, draft a letter that can be used by anyone/everyone to send to their legislators, as well as other GALA efforts and materials.
- Debbie suggested perhaps a sample op-ed piece could be developed that could be shared across the state for people to use with their local newspapers.
- The group discussed the e-mail received from Emily Ellison regarding meeting with Jackie Taylor re the Dollar General advocacy grant and suggested either the first or second week in June. (note: subsequent discussion has selected the week of June 8<sup>th</sup>.)
- Paige will present GALA (what it is, plans, etc.) at the June CLCP Directors quarterly meeting in order to generate enthusiasm and interest now rather than wait until October – and to generate interest and attendance for the workshop/breakfast to take place during the OAE conference.
- Judy Griffin from the Cobb Literacy Council was welcomed to the group and a request to add her to the GALA listserv will be sent to Ryan.
- Next meeting is scheduled for May 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 at TCSG.

Meeting adjourned.