

**CSD Minutes**  
**April 14, 2008**  
Hagerstown Board of Education Building

**13 Members present**

Naomi Butler, Betsy Diamant-Cohen, Nancy Feierstein, Karen Hoffman (recorder), Kathy Kirchoefer, Becky Lindberg, Robyn Lukow, Deborah Margolis, Irva Nachlas-Gabin, Susan Modak, Angelique Simmons, Sophia VanSchaick, Sharyn Yenzer

**Meeting was called to order** at 10:13.

**The minutes were approved**—moved by Betsy, seconded by Sophia.

**Executive Board Meeting**

PSD has a new interest group—Outreach Services to Underserved Communities.

MLA will begin using a simpler treasurer's report that more clearly shows amounts budgeted, spent, and earned.

**Blue Crab '07**

Two Blue Crab authors are coming to the MLA convention. Susan Modak will pick up Pat Trattles at the airport on Thursday morning; Angelique Simmons will drive her to the Salisbury Airport on Friday morning. Irva and her husband will take the authors out to dinner on Thursday night; CSD members offered to contribute money to pay.

**Blue Crab '08**

Susan's group is about to pick this year's Blue Crab winners (from books published in 2007). She asked who designed last year's pamphlet—perhaps Kate Monahan in the MLA office. Discussion about how to send the Blue Crab list to all the Maryland school media specialists—perhaps to each county school office to print and disseminate.

**Blue Crab '09**

Janis' group's first meeting is coming up soon.

**Blue Crab—general**

**Sponsors--**

Margaret Carty said that MLA only offered to pay for Blue Crab authors visit—transportation, lodging and food—for the first year, 2003. Cost in 2007 for Blue Crab printing, authors visit, and plaques was \$1500; we'll probably need to budget even more in 2008. We need a corporate sponsor! Suggestions for sponsors—The Children's Bookstore in Roland Park, Junior Editions, Barnes and Noble, Janway (makes stickers), Children's Comprehensive Database, BWI, EBSCO. Send ideas for other possible sponsors to Robyn. Perhaps we could also have a raffle at KAC.

**By-laws change—**

Margaret sees no problem changing the Blue Crab by-laws to allow one or more members to serve two years to provide continuity. But no one has seen the by-laws! Irva will get copies that we can use at the June 2 meeting to word our changes.

**CEUs--**

Blue Crab members earn CEUs by reading, evaluating, and choosing Blue Crab books, and by doing a presentation of their findings. Julie is asking Kit or Ellen for a copy of the official CEU requirements.

**Logo contest—**

Kathy Kirchoefer, Robyn Lukow, Susan Modak, and Irva Nachlas-Gabin have volunteered to look into making a statewide Blue Crab logo contest. They'll meet at MLA to talk over possibilities and then talk to Blue Crab '08 members.

**Blue Crab talking books—**

Deborah mentioned that Library for the Blind has a recording studio. Perhaps they could record some of the Blue Crab books.

**Blue Crab archive is filling out—**

Rosa Hernandez made a CD of Blue Crab documents she had. Kathy MacMillan wrote an account of how the award began. Karen has a copy of the welcoming letter sent to beginning members, and would welcome copies of any other useful documents.

**Enlarging Blue Crab presentation—**

Naomi suggested enlarging the Blue Crab presentation to include discussion groups (as at Great Books). Or to actually make Blue Crab books one of the categories at the Great Books workshop—promoting the both the award and books for transitional readers.

**Blue Crab representative on MLA Conference Committee—**

Margaret Carty asked to have a Blue Crab member represented on the MLA Conference Committee. Julie Tobiason (Blue Crab '09) is interested and asking permission from her supervisor.

**Eastern Shore/Western Maryland Conference '08**

Western Maryland Conference is today. Naomi has graciously provided refreshments. Lori Bonnington and Jeanne Holsey of the Howard County Early Intervention Office will offer practical strategies for including children with developmental delays in group story times. Patricia Steelman will describe the ALA Schneider Family Book Award and its award-winning books. Thank you to all the CSD members who have brought snacks, drinks, or baked goods.

**Eastern Shore/Western Maryland Conference '09**

Eastern Shore Conference will be January 26, 2009 at the Denton Library, once again following the CLES meeting in the morning. Possible ideas—programming for tweens, and new hands-on storytime ideas. We'd like to do the Western Maryland Conference at C. Burr Artz Library in Frederick next spring—possibly March 9 or April 20. Robyn will check the room's availability.

**MLA Conference '08**

Robyn will introduce the pre-conference on Wednesday, May 14, from 1-4 pm—Valerie Bayne Carroll from Wolf Trap presenting Baby Artsplay—moving, dancing, and singing with babies and toddlers.

Julie will introduce the Blue Crab Award winners at Thursday's luncheon and at the author session (approx. 12:15-5:00 pm). Blue Crab has a regular conference room this year!

Kathy Kirchoefer will introduce Big Ideas in Math and Science—Thursday afternoon—4:00-5:15 pm

Janis will introduce Promoting School Readiness—Friday morning—9:15 am-12 noon.

Julie will email presenter information to everyone who is introducing.

Presenters who would like the MLA Office to make their handouts must submit them to Julie by the end of April.

Anyone who can attend the CSD sessions—please help Julie collect evaluations afterwards.

## **Kids Are Customers '08**

We're joining MASL (Maryland School Librarians) for their annual conference October 16-17, 2008, at Turf Valley Resort in Ellicott City. Our program will be in the Wedgewood Ballroom and lobby on Thursday, October 16. Irva will make a save the date flyer.

Our author will be Jennifer Holm (she accepted our \$1000 honorarium). We have permission to use supplied BabyMouse covers on our publicity.

Ideas for KAC presenters:

- Betsy Diamant-Cohen and Selma Levi—book talking with pizzazz (their new book is coming out in August)
- Gloria Bartas [gbartas@prattlibrary.org](mailto:gbartas@prattlibrary.org)- could present energy activities between storytimes
- Jill Hutchinson—Wiggles and Giggles—motion in toddler storytimes
- Jeannine Finton—Project LEAP—very popular in Harford County
- Susan Modak—Blue Crab winners (ask her how much time her committee would like)
- Summer Reading Club crafts and activities--still valuable? Yes! Each county gets only one manual; people learn from seeing and doing in person. Ann Trent from Howard County has fabulous ideas.
- afternoon panel—partnerships between school and public librarians: e.g. SRC partnering; St. Mary's County-Black Eyed Susan K-3 partnership; Library for the Blind and Maryland School for the Blind; Howard County A+ partnership; MASL—cultural differences between school and public libraries
- Vera Shade—how to pick a quality website
- Paige Painter-Boyer—St. Mary's LATI—open ended questions on labels in front of books

We chose to offer a working lite lunch for \$16 (a.k.a. box lunch—several choices) instead of a hot buffet meal for \$22.

## **Budget discussion**

Margaret Carty believes that if we change our fee to \$90-members, \$135-non-members, and \$65-students we'll be able to absorb the increased cost of our new venue. Do we agree?

Expenses for 100 people--\$4000-room, \$1000-speaker, \$600-breakfast coffee and Danish, \$1600-box lunches=\$7700

Income for 100 people at \$90@=\$9000. Enough?

MLA has also increased our suggested MLA contribution from \$11,000 in FY 2008 to \$12,000 in FY 2009. After discussion we want to ask Margaret, who knows we're going to a fancier place for KAC, if we could lower our expected FY'09 earnings from \$12,000 to \$8,000.

**Old Business**—none

**New Business**—Our next meeting will be June 2, at Miller Library in Howard County. Irva has offered to take minutes.

## **Go Round**

Deborah—Library for Blind and Physically Handicapped—Poetry's Here@Your Maryland Library program through the Maryland Humanities Council. A teen poetry workshop with Olu Butterfly Woods (hip hop rhyming) was followed by a teen/senior center lunch and open mic.

Sophia—Harford County—as a consequence of being on a Blue Crab Committee was able to take a hard look at her I-Can-Read and Emergent Reader collections and alert her Materials Department to problems. A local author, Stephanie Guyman, has just had her book accepted in the library's collection—she'll do a library program during Children's Book Week.

Susan—Montgomery County just printed its first 3-month calendar of events—“Check Us Out!” Susan is in a group presenting early learning to teen parents. MCPL is conducting customer satisfaction surveys.

Angelique—Montgomery County—is incorporating Spanish into storytimes—a 2-year-old proudly recited his numbers. Quince Orchards Library is having its first El Dia de Los Ninos on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Naomi—Washington County has received a grant for Spanish speakers and started a collection of bilingual books to send librarians for use in programs. The three western counties have new children’s staff with new energy and programs. There’s a new YA emphasis with lots of programs. Naomi circulates our county publications and newsletters around to WMPL children’s and YA staff.

Nancy—Randallstown—hip hop performer 5<sup>th</sup> L did a poetry group for teens.

Becky—Randallstown programs—Butterflies: Habitats—included t-shirt crafts; Zoomobile: Big Book of Tales for preschoolers.

Sharyn—Arbutus programs—“That Yo-Yo Guy” was a great success; “Focus on Fido” was free program about safety around dogs. BCPL is celebrating National Library Week with Customer Appreciation Days—Arbutus will have balloons, donuts, and giveaways tomorrow. Tom Lilly and Wonder Bunny perform tonight. There are plans to build a new library in Arbutus in the next two years.

Kathy—Prince George’s County—all children’s staff will get together in May to discuss programs with children with special needs. Micki Freeny is retiring in June and going to D.C. Public.

Karen—Pikesville has begun making bundles of children’s books (fiction and nonfiction on a certain topic) tied up with ribbon or tulle as a merchandising idea. Home school mothers are thrilled.

Betsy—Pratt libraries are hosting their Fairy Tale Festival Month in April, ending with an extravaganza weekend. Watch for a Fairy Tale Ball and A Fairy Tale Concert provided by local piano students.

Irva—Howard County passed a capital budget of \$7.7 million for a new Miller Library and Historical Society. The library is going to a new “service plan” with roaming librarians with headphones. April 5—Children’s Discovery Fair at East County—about 800 people visited booths of county agencies, daycare centers, and nursery schools. Summer Reading Kickoff at East Columbia Branch on June 7—Barry Louis Polisar, Flumpa, Edible Insect Fear Factor for Teens (provided by Irvine Nature Center), crafts, magician, balloon, and face-painting. Next week the 501<sup>st</sup> Garrison of the Imperial Stormtroopers (Star Wars guys in costume) will visit.

Robyn—has a Reader’s club, ages 5-7 and is looking for a way to work in Webkinz.

**Next meeting June 2—Miller Library, Howard County**

**AGENDA**

Introductions  
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 Blue Crab ’07,’08,’09  
 Eastern/Western Conference ‘08, ‘09  
 MLA Conference  
 Kids Are Customers ‘08  
 Break  
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Topic of the month—Writing Articles for Journals