

**Maryland Library Association
Children's Services Division Steering Committee
Baltimore County Public Library – Arbutus Branch
June 12, 2006 10:00 – 12:30**

In Attendance:

Linda Berg, MCPL
Sophia Van Schaick, HCPL
Janis Cooker, SMCL
Julie Dietzel-Glair, FCPL
Betsy Diamant-Cohen, EPFL
Rosa Hernandez, PGCMLS
Delia Ullberg, FCPL
Kit Bloom, LBPH
Nancy Feierstein, BCPL
Irva Nachlas-Gabin – HCL
Kathy Kirchoefer – PGCMLS
Julie Ranelli – QAC
Karen Hoffman – BCPL

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 AM by Julie Dietzel-Glair. We introduced ourselves and told where we worked. We welcomed Julie Ranelli from Queen Anne's County. Julie explained that to be a member of CSD you just need to come to our meetings and everyone is invited to attend. It is a great way to keep up with the happenings in children's services around the State.

Minutes were reviewed and accepted as written.

Executive Board Meeting

Things that were discussed were
Thanked Kay Bowman for her work on Conference
Michael Gannon spoke and said his main focus as President would be to carry out the strategic plan, recruit more members, new technology, recruit members from school & academic libraries
Margaret Carty spoke about the literary cruise and the huge success of the conference

At Leadership Day Betsy learned that one free person could attend each conference. Also we talked about the budget and to include Xeroxing in budget. We are required to have all copying to the MLA office one month prior to the date needed.

Baltimore Book Fest – Sept. 29 – Oct. 1 at Mt. Vernon Square!

Janis Cooker will not be at meeting in August due to being on a grant committee and must attend a workshop that day. Can Sharon take minutes?

Meetings Dates through January:

July 10	East Columbia-Howard County
Aug 14	Abingdon-Harford County
Sept 11	Cecil Co.
Oct. 26	Kids Are Customers
Nov 13	Davis-Mont Co
Dec 11	Pratt-LBPH
Jan 8	Beltsville-PGCML

Irva brought up the fact that we could possibly take the Western MD conference each year on the road to other locations throughout the State. Possible places are the Eastern Shore or Southern MD. We will discuss this further at another time.

We briefly discussed the successes of MLA 2006. We did not have evaluations but Betsy will try to get them.

We are also going to have to decide if our Seacrets dinner is a social event or for taking out the authors. This was awkward when dividing the bill. We will discuss this in March 2007.

The 2007 MLA conference committee was meeting June 13.

Blue Crab:

Sophia reported that the Blue Crab Committee made their final choices. One author is not on this continent but is from USA. One author is from Baltimore so may be invited to KAC to hear the announcement. The committee met once a month with two meetings in April. It has been a great experience for the members.

Rosa now has 9 members and their new committee will begin meeting in July. They are going to go to different branches to have their meetings. They will not receive CEU's for participation in this committee.

Kids Are Customers Too

October 26, 9 – 4

Interfaith Center, Columbia, MD

Rosa spoke with Keisha and last year we rented room 100 & 202. They now charge to rent the lobby as well so the cost this year will be \$1200. If we want more room the cost will go up. We need to send them a deposit soon.

Kit contacted Mary Downing Hahn and she will be our speaker. The cost for that is \$1000.00.

We will use the same caterer as in previous years. If you come to the conference Nancy needs to know so she will have the correct amount of lunches. This includes speakers.

Facilities committee: Nancy and Rosa.

Program committee: Kit and Sophia.

Registration: Kathy K. and Karen

We will ask Sharyn to do the flyer and program again.

Nancy will contact the caterer.

We may need to raise the price of KAC to \$75 & 115.

Betsy will do program plan soon.

Books will be sold possibly by Borders. Irva will check on that. Books by Kathy MacMillan, Ella Jenkins materials, Betsy Diamante Cohen, Mary Downing Hahn, Blue Crab winners.

Additional suggestions were:

books for boys, crafts, books for reluctant readers, reader's advisory, interactive story time suggestions, summer reading club ideas, an author presentation and the Blue Crab presentation.

Alice Mead (Irva has a contact), Judy Freeman, Ella Jenkins (Betsy will contact).

Possible poster session to pick up materials from 2 simultaneous morning sessions

Make area by fireplace the BC reading area.

Please get back to Betsy by June 19th as to availability of presenters

Tentative schedule is:

Welcome & explain about Blue Crab Reading Committee will bring books to read (Betsy)

Summer Reading Ideas Irva will introduce /Storytime Spectacular: break into tables and each person bring something to share. Table people are Sophia, Kathy K., Kit, Julie, & Nancy

Programs – Sue Gibbs (Janis will contact), Maureen (Betsy will contact)

Crafts – Sharyn Yenzler, Vera Ramaty

Decorating – Katie George (Irva will contact)

Performers someone from Pratt or Mont. County

Speaker

Lunch

Review Books or sing language Kathy MacMillan (Kathy K will contact & introduce)

Grab boys to Read Edy Ching – Julie Ranelli will contact & introduce.

Blue Crab Voting and Awards – Sophia and BC Committee

Music – Betsy will contact & Introduce Ella Jenkins or Judy Freeman

Nancy will contact Jo Blankenburg???

Go Round

Rosa – has been collaborating with public schools and did a bilingual storytime with 100 in attendance. It included piñata, salsa music with musical chairs. Great time.

Kathy K. – July they are having 3 mystery parties – Cam Jansen, Nate the Great, & My grandma is going to kill me. They are also doing reading buddies in July.

Julie R. – Boys read grant. They have done 1000 surveys so they can track boys for 3 years. They will be doing a co-op with schools for 3 years.

Kit – She has been in three counties in mainstream classrooms

Linda – dressed up as detective and went to schools, all kids were declared detectives

Karen – had American Girl Tea Party and did the history of girls, crafts etc. The kids were enthusiastic and loved it. They are doing a 4th & 5th grade book club. On display in library is school art work – Sneaks in disguise

Janis – summer reading is beginning on Monday, June 19, continuing baby and toddler storytime for summer, 9 performers this summer, 2 on Saturday, school age & teen computer classes, Harry Potter Home correspondence Course.

Irva – book talked at all her schools, 2 at risk schools signed up all students. (800) They are going to track how many come to the library in the summer. They also flattened Sneaks and are checking him out and having him go on mystery adventures this summer. Betsy-visited school and had to leave because they had a stabbing and no one told her. Very difficult situation. They are having a Tea Party with Ms. LaRue. She also gives etiquette lessons, Get info from Betsy or Sharyn.

Julie D. Summer reading began June 1. School system on board and teachers are scheduled over the summer to come to the library to read twice a week.

Nancy-doing drop in storytimes with themes for July & August, successful school nights even low reading schools. Marrissa will be in charge of the Youth Services Dept. BCPL has been reorganized. Now has a dept. that serves children.

Delia – Summer Reading begins on the 19th. Did first book talks, now secretary of PSD

Sophia – Summer Reading began June 12. They have many summer volunteers. They have also trained them to do impromptu reading over the summer to groups of children that are in the library.

Next Meeting: Monday, July 10, 2006

10 – 12:30

East Columbia Branch Library

6600 Cradlerock Way

Columbia, MD 21045

Merge onto MD 32 toward Columbia

Take Broken Land Pkwy North exit 14 toward Owen Brown

Merge onto Broken Land Pkwy

Turn Right onto Cradlerock Way

Agenda

Introductions

Minutes

Executive Board Meeting

Blue Crab

Kids are Customers

MLA Conference 2007

Meeting Dates Jan.- June

Topic of the Month

Other/New Business

Go Around – Please bring info for Janis written on paper. Thanks!