

Maryland Library Association, Children's Services Division
June 2,2008
Howard County Library, Miller Branch

In attendance: Delia Ullberg, Julie Ranelli, Kathy Kirchoefer, Julie Dietzel-Glair, Rosemary Truit, Susan Modak, Janis Cooker, Naomi Butler, Deborah Margolis, Betsy Diamant-Cohen, Sharyn Yenzer, Stephanie Shauck, Becky Lindberg, Robyn Lukow, Sophia Van Schaik, Irva Nachlas-Gabin

Meting called to order by Julie Ranelli at 10:02 am

Introductions

Minutes of April meeting approved: motion to approve Sharyn, seconded by Delia.

Executive Minutes – no one attended the May Executive Committee meeting, but Irva reported on the MLA Conference Business meeting.

CSD met its fundraising quota of \$11,000 for the fiscal year. Irva congratulated the CSD committee on its fine work for the year.

Blue Crab 07 - The Committee's work is almost complete. The authors gave his presentation at the Conference. There is one more plaque to send

Blue Crab 08 – Susan Modak reported that next Wednesday will be the last meeting. The Committee have identified groups and will vote for the winners at next meeting.

Susan reports that she has approximately 500 books. She will offer them to the committee members for their library systems, or find a school to donate them.

Blue Crab 09 – Janis Cooker has received her first packages of books. Only two fit the criteria so far.

First meeting is next month.

Janis found two more committee members at MLA. Now has 9 members, including Media Specialist & University librarian.

Karen is gathering information about Blue Crab – letters, templates, etc. and will have them available to the incoming committees.

ACTION ITEM: Ask Karen to add definitions of criteria to brochure and website.

EASTERN / WESTERN

Naomi suggested a longer workshop with 3 sessions, to make it more worthwhile for travel.

Dates have been set for the Eastern Shore workshop: January 26, 2009 at Denton.

Western - Robyn is checking dates for Frederick meeting room. March 9 or April 20.

Ideas for program: boy programming, puppetry, 'tweens, more special needs,

ACTION ITEMS: please give ideas of presenters to Julie Ranelli.

MLA CONFERENCE

- Pre-conference was well received. 28 attended. Thanks to Betsy for finding speaker.
- Blue Crab presentation – one of the authors missed plane and didn't make it. David Bjerklie spoke on writing science for children vs. adults.
- What's the Big Idea – three Delaware librarians. Librarian kits for math and science for young kids.
- Promoting School Readiness – Carroll and St. Mary's Co. and how they train daycare providers.

General comments about non-CSD aspects of the conference

- cleanliness of Hotel wasn't as good as usual. Dirty dishes left in hallway. Moldy carpets.
- conference rooms were fine
- Business meeting breakfast: food ran out. It was pointed out that people don't always register for the breakfast, and then show up, so a count for food is difficult.
- Author award luncheon ran late, so next session started late.
- dinner ran late, and evening events ran very late.
- Learning Times on-line conference well received, and lots of people can sign up.
- Next year's chair is Elizabeth Cromwell from Frederick Co. She has a marketing background, and may have a different "take" on the Conference.
- Last presenter – after awards luncheon on Friday was not well attended. Suggest to committee that the awards luncheon be the last item on Friday's agenda.

Next year: May 13-15, 2009 at Clarion

KIDS ARE CUSTOMERS TOO – Oct. 16 Turf Valley with MASL
\$90 MEMBERS \$135 non members \$65 students
increased expenses were detailed in the April minutes.

Food choices: Robyn spoke to caterer at Turf Valley

there's a considerable extra cost for selection of 3 or 4 options

BUT can choose a sandwich and have some of them be vegetarian.

Will choose chicken with vegetarian option.

Will put food choice on the registration form, will have a meal ticket in registration packet or put it on name tag.

Will be a vendor area, open by 7:30. Continental breakfast in Vendor Area

Schedule: Registration: starts 8 to give people time to view vendors and have a bit of breakfast.

Schedule will be:

9:00 Welcome

9:15 - 10:00 Wiggle Giggle ST—Jill Hutchison, St. Mary's County

10:00-10:45 Activities between storytime books—Gloria Bartas, EPFL

10:45 break

11:00 Author Jennifer Holm
12:00 Lunch
1:00 – 1:30 Vendor time
1:30 – 2:30 Breakout sessions
2:30 – 2:45 break
2:45 – 3:15 Blue Crab
3:15 – 3:45 MASL/CSD panel
3:45 – 4:00 - Evaluations

Breakout Sessions:

Project LEAP - 45 minutes Science programming—Jannine Finton, Harford County
Art Box - 60 minutes -- Anne Trent, Howard County
BOOKTALKing – 60 minutes – Betsy Diamant-Cohen & Selma Levi, EPFL

Summer Reading - will drop this, because the book from Collaborative Summer Game has all the ideas already.

Naomi suggested having the sessions that MASL folk might want to attend in the afternoon. This would include Blue Crab, Partnership Panel and possibly Booktalks

Stephanie suggested running Art, Booktalk and LEAP in parallel, and let people choose.

Art needs space - in room

Booktalk will need internet connection – in lobby?

Beth from MASL will try to have a breakout room for Partnership. Julie will check.

Panel – Julie and Robyn have several names for panel.

Sue at Lexington – Black Eyed Susan

Vera – website programs in schools

Deborah and School for the Blind

will talk to Beth about Media Specialist.

CEU's - Discussion: possibly different: Since people can “hop around”
can give out CEU form at end of day, and trust that people attended all sessions.

OR – can give out CEU's at end of each session like we do at MLA

Stephanie Shauck thinks that for 3.5 CEUs, it's okay to give one at end of day. Can add author for 4.5 CEUs. Stephanie pointed out that it is on honor system to attend all sessions, but that people attend to learn, and therefore are not going to take advantage.

Kim Powers of BWI is interested in having a vendor booth, since her parent company (Follett) does a lot of school contracts.

ACTION ITEM: Julie will contact Beth and find out how Kim can register as vendor. Julie will also ask Kim if BWI or Follett will sponsor the continental breakfast for CSDers.

NOTE TO JULIE - How about the MLA Store. If Beth agrees that they can attend as Vendors, we'd need to contact them.

OLD BUSINESS

BLUE CRAB -

Blue Crab by-laws change

Discussion: Would there be conflict if member is on current committee and starting on new committee? Lots of work for beginning committee chair, who may have to be doing two things at once. Overlap is a couple of months. Old member will be planning for presentation. but won't have too much to do otherwise.

ACTION ITEM: Julie Ranelli will bring changes to By-Laws to next meeting so we can review the language and vote.

To get the 3.0 CEUs, Blue Crab Committee members are required to:

Read Cover to Cover

Attend 7 of 8 committee meetings,

Assist at 2 presentations at KAC2, MEMO or author talk at MLA

ACTION ITEM: If Julie Ranelli brings Blue Crab CEU requirements (hard copy) to next meeting, does anyone have an intern who could type into Word document?

Sponsorship - BWI inquired about printing our brochures

ACTION ITEM: Julie Ranelli will do a formal sponsorship proposal for Kim Power

Will ask for \$1500 for pamphlets, plaques, author talk. In addition, BWI might be able to get the books for sale. BWI's name would be associated with the award, and would appear on the MLA Website and all printed literature.

LOGO contest - Logo committee consists of Robyn Lukow, Irva Nachlas-Gabin, Susan Modak and Kathy Kircheofer.

ACTION ITEM: Robyn will to contact Beth at MASL for a school contact.

Suggestion made to read *Library Contests*, by Kathleen Imhoff, for ideas.

NOTE: Irva "marina-ed" it and should have a copy soon.

NEW BUSINESS:

Idea put forth for a summer picnic – next year to share Storytime enhancements will discuss more at future meeting.

PRESENTATION:

Betsy Diamant-Cohen Writing for Journals

Meeting adjourned at 12:40.

Respectfully submitted by Irva Nachlas-Gabin

Next Meeting: Monday, July 14, 2008 at St. Mary's County, Lexington Park branch

