

Maryland Library Association
Executive Board/Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2015 10 AM – 12 PM

Attendance: Margaret Carty, David Dahl, Leigh Ann DePope Maria Epperley, Joanna Gadsby, Annette Halderman, Lucy Holman, James Kelly, Gergana Kostova, Elizabeth Howe, Robert Maranto, Monica McAbee, Dennis Nangle, Carrie Plymire, Stuart Ragland, Lindsay Sarin, Lou Sica, Katy Sullivan, Tiffany Sutherland, John Venditta, Rachel Wright, Martha Zimmerman

Excused absences: Mary Baykan, Andrea Berstler, Mary Anne Bowman, Anita Crawford, Mary Hastler, Elizabeth Hulett, Erica Karmes-Jesonis, Carl Olson, Daria Parry, Tina Pickens, Jesse Roth, Carmen Sambuco, Diane Travis, Leah Youse

Unexcused absences: Tracy Miller, Glennor Shirley, Lynn Wheeler

Call to order at 10:12 AM

Changes to the Agenda - none

Changes submitted for 3/18/15 minutes. Motion to approve with these changes by C. Plymire. Seconded by M. McAbee.

Treasurer's Report – J. Venditta and M. Carty

- Three reports were distributed: Balance Sheet (white), Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual (gold); Programs and Divisions (green). J. Venditta moved to file these reports for audit.
- MLA did very well at conference. Membership numbers down. M. Carty reported that Timberlake hasn't sent any renewals since April. The office is working on getting this fixed.
- C. Plymire asked about income from the raffle. M. Carty reported that we earned between \$1100 and \$1200.

Unfinished Business – J. Venditta

- Draft FY 2016 budget was distributed. L. Holman moved to accept the budget as proposed. C. Plymire seconded. Group voted to approve.

New Business - none

President's Report – J. Venditta

- Thanks the Board for the work they've done this past year and says he has enjoyed his year.

Past President's Report – C. Plymire

- Says she will be Nominations & Elections Committee chair in the coming year and will be looking for people to serve on the committee.

- Wants to thank everyone who served on the Conference Committee – the conference was a big success.
- Thanks to J. Venditta for all of his hard work as President.

ALA Councilor's Report – L. Holman

- ALA election results are in and available on the ALA website.
- ALA passed Roberts Rules of Order.
- ALA having a virtual meeting 6/4 from 1:30-2:30. Open to everyone but you need to register. They will be discussing the Strategic Plan.

Conference Director's Report – M. Carty for A. Berstler

- The conference went very well. Attendance numbers were up (725-750 attendees) and we did well financially.
- The silent auction went well. MLA will receive about \$5675 and DLA will receive about \$1125.
- The pre-conferences broke even – expenses were quite high.
- This conference sold out of vendor space.
- NASA was well received. They are interested in participating next year, as well.
- There were problems with the hotel, particularly space and overcrowding. This was discussed with management and the owner.
- The conference will take place at the Clarion again next year.
- The biggest problems with the conference involved issues with the meal functions. There was a new person in charge and it didn't go as smoothly as the past.

Executive Director's Report – M. Carty

- Attended the finale for Radical Readers, Maryland Day and UMCP, Battle of the Books in Westminster, MAPLA, and author/Black Eyed Susan Award programs.
- The office will be closed on Memorial Day.
- Will be on vacation from mid-July through mid-August.
- James Kelly will be taking over leadership of MLLI.
- Will be attending ALA and the chapter leader's forum.

Moved to adjourn 10:52 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Katy Sullivan, 6/5/15.