

Maryland Library Association
Steering Committee Meeting
June 17, 2015 - 9 AM – 10 AM

Attendance: Andrea Berstler, Margaret Carty, Mary Hastler, Lucy Holman, Daria Parry, Carrie Plymire, Katy Sullivan, Patty Sundberg, Kathleen Teaze, John Venditta

Call to order at 9:20 AM

Changes to Agenda: none

Previous Minutes: Changes submitted for 4/15/15 minutes. M. Hastler motioned to approve with these changes. Seconded by L. Holman.

Treasurer's Report - D. Parry

- Fiscal sheets were distributed: balance sheet (green) and profit and loss budget vs. actual (white). The profit and loss budget vs. actual report has a few minor errors that need correcting.
- MLA is in good shape financially.
- M. Cary has challenged the invoice received from the conference hotel due to a number of overcharges. The Clarion responded that they will issue a new invoice with corrections. Also reported that MLA has reserved every single available space (except the Captain's Quarters) for next year's conference.
- A Commonwealth Financial Network statement was distributed. The statement shows that investments have dropped a bit.
- J. Venditta motioned to file documents for audit once the necessary corrections are made.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business

- M. Carty reported that she received a request from Nini Beegan (DLDS) for MLA to form a maker interest group. The letter included the signatures of ten people interested in participating, including some that might be interested in leadership positions. The committee discussed whether such a group should be under a division or not. It was decided that it should not be under a division. M. Hastler motioned to establish a group following the procedures outlined in the MLA Manual. C. Plymire seconded the motion. The Committee voted to establish the group. M. Carty will contact those listed as being interested and invite them to attend the July meeting.

President's Report - J. Venditta

- Completed the annual report. Primarily laid out as organizational strengths and weaknesses (challenges).

- Attended a MACO meeting. Discussed legal issues related to library board structures. The Attorney General's office is advising the counties on how to deal with library boards.
- MACO is putting a group together to assemble a Governor's task force on libraries.

Past President's Report - C. Plymire

- Currently serving on the Professional Development Panel. Also chairing the Nominations & Elections committee, which is about 2/3 complete. Needs to find a public library person to serve.

ALA Councilor's Report - L. Holman

- Getting ready to attend the ALA Conference. Will attend the chapter leader's forum and council meeting.
- Has reached out to Joseph Eagen to put together a tribute to recognize the role of Pratt libraries as community leaders during the recent unrest in Baltimore City.

Conference Director's Report - A. Berstler

- Kudos to the MLA staff for the support they offered for conference preparations following the change in conference leadership.
- The conference venue continues to be a problem. MLA needs to work with the space limitations of the Clarion and plan accordingly.
- 2015 conference registration very high in part due to a DLDS grant.
- The Conference Committee will meet shortly to debrief and begin planning the 2016 conference.
- M. Hastler stated that the vendors were interesting and well done and the area always appeared busy.
- MLA will not have a partner (such as NASA) for the 2016 conference.
- M. Carty reported that we split Delaware conference registration income 40/60 (MLA gets 60) with DLA. MLA gets all of the Maryland income. We may want to look at the final figures and consider if we need to adjust the ratio. If DLA were to drop out, we have the option to partner with D.C. or northern Virginia.
- Accessibility issues with rooms at the Clarion were raised. The "accessible" rooms are not adequate. MLA will share this with the Clairon.

Executive Director's Report - M. Carty

- Has been preparing for board training and closing out the conference information.

Adjourned meeting at 10:02 AM

Submitted by K. Sullivan 6/23/15