

Maryland Library Association  
Steering Committee Meeting  
December 16, 2015 - 10 AM – 12 PM

Attendance: Andrea Berstler, Margaret Carty, Lucy Holman, Katy Sullivan, Patty Sundberg, Kathleen Teaze, John Venditta

Not present: Mary Hastler

Call to order at 10:20 AM by K. Teaze

Changes to Agenda: none

Previous Minutes: L. Holman motioned to approve the October 21, 2015 minutes. Seconded by P. Sundberg.

Treasurer's Report – P. Sundberg

- Fiscal sheets were distributed: balance sheet (green), profit and loss budget vs. actual (white), and the investment report (white).
- MLA is starting to bring in money for the conference. No fundraising income has come in this year.
- A. Berstler motioned to file fiscal documents for audit. Seconded by J. Venditta.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business

- M. Carty distributed a flyer for the Cheryl Wheeler concert scheduled for 1/7/16 at ALA Midwinter.
- J. Venditta and A. Berstler will be registered for the Maryland Nonprofits Legislative Preview.

President's Report – not present

President Elect's Report – K. Teaze

- Concern about the potential cancelation of the Library Associates Training Institute (LATI) due to LSTA funds being held/not being made available to libraries.
  - J. Venditta suggests considering a letter-writing campaign to communicate our concern.
  - K. Teaze stated that PG County could front the needed money for the rest of the year.
  - M. Carty stated that MLA should look to fundraise in the corporate world.

Past President's Report – J. Venditta

- Participating in the Professional Development Panel (PDP). Reported that David Dahl set up a project management site to allow PDP to review programs for the conference.

#### ALA Councilor's Report - L. Holman

- Will be attending ALA Midwinter.

#### Conference Director's Report – A. Berstler

- All keynote speakers are confirmed: author Michael Togias; a NSA Cryptology Museum curator; a librarian from the Free Library of Philadelphia; and the winner of the MD Author Award.
- The conference program has gone to the graphic designer.
- A team is working on developing the pub quiz, and Jim DeArme is putting together a scavenger hunt.
- NASA will be doing a program and bringing back the hyper wall.
- Reports the committee is ahead of schedule and has been a great group with which to work.

#### Executive Director's Report - M. Carty

- Attended the Maryland Association of Counties (MACO) winter conference.
- The MLA ballot is nearly complete. Voting will be done through Timberlake.
- The Maryland Legislative Reception is set for February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Pratt Foundation is paying for registration and providing 200 books with bookplates for legislators to sign and donate to a selected library branch. L. Holman suggested having them pose for “read” posters.
- Will be attending ALA Midwinter. Organized the Cheryl Wheeler fundraising concert.
- A follow up meeting for the WWI commission project is set for January 30<sup>th</sup>. L. Holman offered that MLA borrow University of Baltimore’s collection of war effort posters.
- National Library Legislative Day scheduled for May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>. Registration is now opened.

A. Berstler motioned to adjourn the meeting. J. Venditta seconded the motion. Adjourned meeting at 11:15 AM.

Submitted by K. Sullivan January 5, 2016.