Meeting Minutes, Jan 9, 2017
Children’s Services Division, Maryland Library Association
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- Introductions - Jess Crutchley, President; Conni Strittmatter, VP/ Prez-elect; Jill Hutchison, Secretary; Joe Farmarco, BCPL; Allison Holbrook, Cecil Co.; Ghislaine Hockensmith, Carroll County; Rachel Zukowski, PGCMLS; Crystal; Sarah Guy, Charles Co; Karen Hoffman; Sophia VanSchaick; J. Carter; Pam Hamlin

- Webinar on “What CSD is All About,” how to get involved (even if you can’t make it to meetings), and upcoming opportunities.

- Approval of minutes

- Action item follow-up
  - Conni- make draft social media calendar- in progress
  - Conni- start a planning/ pledge Google Doc to organize our auction basket for MLA17- in progress
  - Conni- compile results from survey into graphs- never mind, we published the results as PDF instead
  - Jill- format the “What CSD’s All About” document as a tri-fold brochure- not yet
  - Jill- Have “What CSD’s All About” added to MLA Website- not yet
  - Jill- Schedule FB posts to feature old Blue Crab winners & ask members to nominate new books to current committee- done
  - Jill- send info on January online meeting to members, post on social media- done
  - Jill- contact survey drawing winner and mail gift card- done
  - Jill- Prep portions of January online mtg on what CSD does, opportunities to volunteer & participate- done
  - Jill- Set up Slack Channel for chat during live webinar- done
  - Sophia- put request in next newsletter for people to send photos and descriptions of past and current passive programs to mlachildrens@gmail.com- done
  - Jess- get details on how to sign into the online part of the January meeting- done
  - Jess- ask Kate in MLA office to be additional administrator on our social media accounts- done

- President’s Report
  - Next meeting at MLA is this weds, Jess will report next month

- Program Planning
  - Southern/Western
    - Everything is set, advertising is out, & registration is open
    - Parking will be validated at Western conference, so it’s free to park in the nearby garage
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○ MLA Annual
  ■ Theme: charting new sources together- exploring the diversity of our communities and working to serve and connect ALL of our communities
  ■ Call for volunteers coming soon! Let Conni know if you can help with:
    ● Room host for sessions
    ● Registration and book sale tables
    ● Contributing to auction basket

○ Kids Are Customers 2017
  ■ Planned focus is on brain development- baby storytime, children with disabilities, & more topics that relate.
  ■ Call for presenters coming soon!
  ■ Also need ideas for a keynote speaker- hopefully someone who is expert on brain development and how library services can support healthy development

○ Mock Newberry/Caldecott
  ■ Carrie and ESRL are in the process of working on bringing this back as a program for next year.
  ■ Eileen offered to help.
  ■ Bethany suggested for this year that we do some pre-award polls on our FB page

○ Rachel Zukowski from Prince George’s suggested a session or standalone program on quality control for youth programs- mentorship, observation, program plans with measurable objectives, etc. We’ll follow up with her on how to develop this idea.

● Blue Crab Committee Update

● Old Business
  ○ Review FY17 Work Plan
  ○ Participation survey report
  ○ 2017 meetings
    ■ Aug, Sept, Noc, & Dec locations?
    ■ Snack bringers for Feb, March, & April meetings?
  ○ Auction Basket donations- google doc for planning/ pledges coming soon
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- So far we have items from Out of Print - a bag and some socks - and passes for a brewery tour of Heavy Seas Brewery
- Joe has also contacted several other MD beer brewers and the brewers’ association for donations, and is waiting to hear back from them
  - Social Media - Keep liking & sharing on our page and group!
  - Newsletter - Winter newsletter is about to come out, please share more

- New Business
  - 2 upcoming webinars from SLRC/Pratt are on topics that were mentioned as training needs for CSD members in the survey:
    - Working with your local schools
    - Adding Art to STEM
    - ALSC webinars are now free for everyone (live viewing only; archived webinars cost $25 for non-members)

- Monthly Sharing Topic: what equipment and tools for staff do your children's depts have and love? (die cutters, sewing machines...?)
  - Sarah Guy of Charles County Public Library: Die cut machine, button maker, puppets
  - Bethany Vangrin of Harford County Public Library - Joppa Branch: Amazon Music - tons of free children's music and you can create playlist for the storytime
  - Sophia VanSchaick of Harford: Whatzit or mystery box by Kaplan Learning
  - Crystal: Giant snakes and ladders game purchased from Oriental Trading. Great for a passive activity at special events.
  - Karen Hoffman: Keva Planks
  - Next Month’s topic: How does your library welcome and support children and families from marginalized groups? Or, what are some ideas on how you could make everyone welcome, safe, and supported in your library?

- Go 'Round - Share anything of interest from your library's youth-services department
  - Carly Bastiensen at Bel Air has started Club Support for children with ongoing health issues. I haven't heard how it's going but it's an interesting and new to me idea. The promo is "Are you a kid with chronic illness? Join others to hang out, swap stories and tips, play games, make crafts and run your own club (gr 6-8)
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○ Rachel Zukowski, PGCMLS: Our ELL program coordinator has been developing homework help clubs run by vetted volunteers especially for kids whose parents are ELL and have trouble helping them at home.
○ Ghislaine Hockensmith: We just had our 3rd Life-Sized Candy Land for almost 150 participants at CCPL.

- February Meeting- Mon, Feb 13, 10am at Howard County Central Branch
  ○ Who’s bringing snacks?- Eileen & Joe
  ○ Snack-bringers for June meeting in Laurel?