Maryland Library Association – Children’s Services Division
Steering Committee Meeting
March 10, 2014
Charlotte Hall - SMRLA

In attendance: Irva Nachlas-Gabin, retired; Kim Wojecck, Cecil Co.; Amanda Jenkins, Cecil Co.; Sophia Van Schaick, Harford Co.; Rachel Wright, Cecil Co; Janis Cooker, St. Mary’s Co; Tara Lebherz, Frederick Co.

Called to order 10:37am by Rachel

Minutes: motion to approve – Janis; second – Sophia. Motion passed

Executive report – Tara
No report this week

Blue Crab ’14
Work is finished. Will present winners today at mini-conference.

Blue Crab ’15 – Allison Holbrook and Pam Taylor co-chairs
Have a large committee, including number of school librarians.
Question: is it okay for a MLA graduate who is not yet employed to be on committee.
Answer: Yes, we’ve done this before.
Question: Do they have to be MLA members?
Answer: To serve on the Blue Crab committee, should be members of MLA or MASL.
Meeting dates are tentatively set.
Google docs with spread sheets, criteria for selection, etc.
Can put it out on MLA list-serve.
Rachel explained the Blue Crab process to the new attendees. This committee will look at 2014 books, and will report winners next year at Southern and Western conferences.

Southern /Western Mini Conference
Southern is this afternoon: Dancing Like A Scientist

MLA Conference: Rachel Wright
Last of paperwork has been turned in.
CSD sponsoring 4 sessions – and must turn in forms for every speaker – and there are 8 speakers for the Tech session.

All speakers are set.
Jim Gill is doing pre-conference

Need to advertise conference

Silent Auction Basket: Music and Play
Jim Gill will donate some things for the auction basket.
Janis is donating scarves and a basket.
Irva will donate some finger puppets.
Irva will send out e-mail to CSD members to donate items for the basket.
Irva will take donations and put together basket.
Tara will send her the form to use with the basket.

CSD sessions:
We need someone to pick up packets
Jim Gill is coming in on Tuesday night.
Amanda will pick up packets for Jim Gill and she’ll introduce him

We need to send a corrections – Jim Gill is only afternoon session.
It’s incorrect in the conference booklet, but correct on website.
We’ll send out a correction - he is from 1 to 4 pm

Rachel will pick up all packets except Apps and Tablets.

Need to find someone for introduction and packets.

Hospitality Room – we’ll have it for half hour – Rachel will staff.
She’ll have Blue Crab info and other info about CSD

Do we want a CSD dinner Wed. night? There is an all conference reception early that evening.

Networking on Commons
Hospitality Suite

Poster Session – had 22 applications for posters. Will accept 15. This year there are some requirements and qualifications to present a poster.
Posters will have a separate room this year.

**Black Eyed Susan Tapestry** – Tara reporting for Eileen Kuhl
Sat. September 13; all day at Carroll Community College
Book Choices will be announced at end of March. Eileen will recruit for facilitators.
Picture Books, Ages 4 – 6, Ages 6 – 9, Middle School, High School, and Graphic Novels

The schedule will allow facilitators to sit in on one session.

**KIDS ARE CUSTOMERS** – Rachel
Oct. 16, 2014, Westminster Conference Center
Theme: loosely working on summer reading theme for 2015, Heroes.
Westminster Conference Center is booked and paid for.

Blue Crab authors – we have two authors interested.
Greg Pizzoli, Watermelon Seed
David A. Kelly, Miracle Mud
We’ll see if we can get them for free.
Another possibility is Mark Tyler Nobleman – but if we have other author we won’t need.

- Guerrilla Storytime - about a half hour.

- Captain BlueHen from Delaware will send someone to do readers’ advisory on Graphic novels.

- Every Child Ready to Read – Amanda Roberson

School Partnership – try to get speakers. Battle of the Books, SCORE (databases in the library), Baltimore county school databases in library -

Julie D.G volunteered to do a session – maybe on her new book.

Future-Makers - does team workshops for professional development.
Tara will get a price. She’ll give them time and idea of audience size. Will probably be a 90 minute session, whole audience, not a break out.

Other ideas – Mind craft, Random House new books,
May be able to use some ideas for next year’s Southern/Western.

Schedule for the day was discussed.

Mock Newbery
Jan 12 and snow date Jan 26 in Denton.
Some discussion about having a second location on same day, perhaps Harford or Cecil. Will discuss with Rachael and Sam about making some changes. Rachael will not be on Mock Newbery this year, because she’s on an ALA committee.

Maybe we don’t need to have the CSD meeting on the same day.

Newsletter -
Sophia has enough material for upcoming newsletter. She’ll finish it up this week.
Liz Sunderman has the Blue Crab logo.

Go Round – In the interests of time, and the afternoon mini-conference, we skipped Go Round. Anyone with a Go Round topic to announce may e-mail it to the secretary for inclusion in the minutes..

Meeting adjourned at 12:05

Submitted by Irva Nachlas Gabin, Secretary