I. Called to order 10:10am

II. Introductions-Jessica Crutchley, Vice President, BCPL; Allison Maricle, Anne Arundel; Kristen Bodvin, Caroll; Hannah Wilkes, FCPL; Joe Famarco, BCPL; Sophia VanSchaick, Harford; Karen Hoffman, BCPL; Christine Felix, MCPL; Allison Holbrook, Cecil;

III. Approval of Minutes- Corrected spelling of Bethany Vangrin’s name, Sophia motions to approve, Hannah seconds, approved.

IV. Action Item Follow Up

a. Jill- book Uncommons for Guerilla Storytime @ MLA conference
   i. Not yet, will this week

b. Amanda- Microphone for remote meetings?
   i. Amanda not present, Jill & Jess will ask her to check in with MLA office on progress

c. Jessica- Call for proposals for KAC, MLA, & Southern/Western programs
   i. 2 received so far, w/ one more promised from FCPL by later this week

d. Jessica & Joe- Owings Mills Library available for KAC on 10/20/16?
   i. Will discuss during program planning segment

e. Amanda- Reply to Western Regional about request for a “far-western” conference
   i. Done. Next year will shift Southern conference slightly farther north, & Western conference farther west. For this year, Western MD will have option to host separate workshop.

f. Jill & Shirley- Award notifications to Blue Crab winners & honorees
   i. All notified but Mo Willems by phone and/or email, paper letters in progress

g. Blue Crab committee recruitment
   i. Bethany Vangrin has received 11 inquiries from people interested in being on the committee. Allison H. of Cecil says at least one of her co-workers is interested; Jessica says they should send an email to her (Jessica) or Bethany ASAP b/c they’ll be deciding the committee makeup soon.
   ii. An inquiry came in during March from a para-educator in a School Media Center who wanted to know if she could participate. Answer was that she could IF she was a member of MASL.

h. Blue Crab committee bylaws update
   i. Jess and Bethany will be updating the Blue Crab committee’s rules and procedures.
   ii. Currently, you can’t serve on the committee 2 years in a row. We want to change it so that the chairperson has served the previous year.
iii. Also need to adjust the time length of the committee- it’s really an 18-month commitment (at least for the chair) but currently operates as a 12-month cycle w/ overlap.
iv. The Blue Crab rules are not written into the official CSD bylaws, so changes can be made simply by majority vote at CSD meetings.

i. Blue Crab awards list uploaded to MLA website- DONE
j. Posting features on Blue Crab winners & honorees on CSD social media pages  
i. Can begin this week, now that all authors notified & list on MLA website

V. President’s Report- none, Amanda absent

VI. Program Planning
   a. May- MLA Conference
      i. Updates
         1. Poster session applications now closed
         2. Volunteers still needed for registration table & silent auction- please sign up via link sent from MLA after registration (Jill will send out the link also)
         3. Jackie Cassidy of Harford County wants to set up a table in the exhibitor’s area with information and handouts from ALSC. Jessica C. will follow up.
         4. Registration for conference, including CSD’s programs, is still quite low. They’ve extended registration deadline to allow counties to take advantage of recently released staff-development grants and send more people.
      ii. Guerilla Storytime will happen in the Uncommons at a time to be determined. Watch CSD & MLA social media & the Uncommons schedule which will be posted at the conference.
      iii. Auction Basket
         1. Jill has received some items, more have been promised but not given to Jill yet. If anyone still has item or monetary donations to give, please contact Jill at the MLA email address (mladchildrens@gmail.com) to make arrangements.
   b. Oct- Kids are Customers
      i. Topics
         1. 2 proposals received so far are:
            a. Sara Jane Miller from BCPL on stop-motion animation with tablets
            b. Erin Gambrill of Carroll Co on Mindful Transitions: Nurturing Social Emotional Development
2. Verbal commitments-
   a. Robert Crystal of BCPL- Shake Rattle & Read
   b. 2 counties got grants for programs with Cubetto & will send
      speakers to share what they’ve done and how it works.
   c. SPLICE computers- Sarah Guy from Charles Co has been running
      tons of programs with their SPLICE computers and will share
      what they’ve done so far and plan to do.
   d. Hannah Wilkes of FCPL- Elementary homeschool programs

3. Sophia suggested asking Bethany Vangrin to share her “Acts of Kindness
   Club” program. Jessica will ask, but Bethany will be very busy with Blue
   Crab committee work.

4. Tess Goldwasser of St. Mary’s suggested getting representatives from
   each county that had a Curiosity Creates grant to talk about what they
   did with their grant funds, what programs were successful, and how
   they might be replicated in other libraries.

5. Kristen Bodvin of Carroll Co suggested her colleague Robin Dugan’s
   “Baby Rembrandt” program as a topic- Jess will contact Robin.

6. Author- Emma Virjan was super excited to win the Blue Crab. Jill will
   contact her to see if she can come for KAC and how much it would cost.

7. Keynote speaker idea
   a. A professor (name?) from Hood College & the Lucy School who
      presented on “Process Art” at a Ready at Five symposium w/in
      the last few years- Jess C. has his name and contact info at her
      branch; she will inquire if he is available & if he charges a
      speaking fee.

ii. Location/Date
   1. Joe Farmarco has secured the Owings Mills Library again, for the date of
      Oct 20. They can accept requests for what specific rooms we need
      starting today (April 11). Jess will work with Joe on room requests as we
      solidify the speakers and breakout sessions.
   iii. Format- everyone was pleased with the format and schedule. Will keep this
        format, and the ticket system for breakout sessions, for 2016

   c. BEST- date will be Sept 24. Format will be same, Eileen seeking speakers, et.

VII. Awards- Blue Crab
   a. See discussion above under Action Items follow-up

VIII. Old Business
   a. Social Media- Conni not present to report, but she has made all officers admins on
      our Facebook page and group.
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b. Newsletter- Next deadline for submissions in mid-June for the July newsletter. Send submissions to Sophia at vanschaick@hcplonline.org

c. Virtual Meetings
   i. Bylaws say that digital voting are A-OK
   ii. Just need a microphone to proceed w/ hybrid online/in-person meetings

IX. New Business

   a. Jess C. proposed running a participation survey for members, to find out reasons why people do or don’t attend meetings, and how they would like to communicate and participate. Why do they belong to CSD and what do they want from the Division? What would make it easier for them to attend meetings and programs. Jess and Jill will work on this.
      i. Target Youth Coordinators & Staff Development Coordinators to take survey, as well as individual members
      ii. Keep tone upbeat- ask questions like “what excites you about CSD/ youth services?”

   b. Christine from BCPL shared that for several years, she didn’t even know what the divisions on the MLA registration form were, and what the requirements to join were, and if she as a “generalist” could join, etc. Others chimed in that this is the case for many people.

   c. Idea- for meetings that are not followed by a training (like Southern or Western), extend the meeting by 45 minutes or so and add an activity that is worth .5 CEU’s. This would require more advance communication and preparation to arrange it, but would be very helpful for attracting people to participate and providing additional value to members. All agreed that this is a good idea, but need to work out details. Put on agenda for further discussion & planning in June.

   d. Sophia suggested that we prepare a “What CSD does and what we’re about” document to include on our web page, in the upcoming-meeting email, and post at meetings. Jill will draft this document for approval at next meeting.

X. Need to choose locations for meetings July & onwards. June meeting will be at the Reisterstown Road branch of Enoch Pratt library (NOT the Reisterstown branch of BCPL!!!!)

   a. Jill- verify that Reisterstown Rd branch is still expecting us and get driving and parking directions

   b. July 11- Harford, Abingdon? Sophia will check if avail on the date. Can we get tour of Innovation Lab?

   c. Aug 8- Edgewater in Anne Arundel? Allison M. will check if date is available.

   d. Sept 12- Carroll Co- Kristen Bodvin will check on available locations for this date.

   e. Oct 20- no meeting, KAC in Owings Mills

g. Dec 12- Havre de Grace to see “Schooners’ Cove” early literacy area? Sophia will check on date availability.

h. January 9- Virtual “what is CSD” & year-ahead session

i. Feb 13- TBD

j. March- Southern

k. April- Western

l. May- MLA

m. June- Eastern Shore, location TBD

XI. Monthly Topic/ Idea Share/Discussion: Demonstrate a favorite song or rhyme that uses a prop like scarves, shakey eggs, a puppet, etc.

   a. Ran out of time, so we will use this topic for next meeting (June).

   b. Sophia VanSchaick shared the following by email after the meeting: A coworker ordered us a set of stretchy bands (https://bearpawcreek.com/shop/movement-props/stretchy-bands-movement-props/stretchy-bands/) and while it took some of us a while to use them they are fun for songs like “The more we get together” (swaying inside the bands or maybe everyone could hold the band and move in for together (I’m brainstorming as I write!), Row, row, row your boat and My Bonnie lies over the ocean. Because families stay for playgroup afterwards, it can be fun to take the stretchybands apart and let the families or smaller groups of families use them for singing and rhymes.

XII. Go ‘Round- share anything of interest from your library’s youth services! - Ran out of time, skipped this portion & invited people to turn in their slips to include in the minutes:

   a. Allison Holbrook of Cecil shared about: “Stik-Bot” for stop-motion video making with figures and free app

   b. Sophia VanSchaick of Harford shared the following:

      i. Harford County’s Bel Air branch children’s public area will be getting a big renovation including adding an Early Literacy Center in the space, starting sometime after 4/18. The plans for the ELC say we’ll have a blacksmith forge/market/train station/post office/pergola-theatre space/carpet that looks like a pond with a bridge and other amazing things. The book stacks, etc will share the space with these activity centers. While we’re closed we will continue to do all the programs we have scheduled and some of our Juv collection will be available in other parts of the building. I still haven’t seen a date for the soft or grand opening of Havre de Grace branch which will include Schooner Cove, an ELC similar to BCPL’s Storyvilles but it’s getting closer

      ii. We are using the new storyline models as we do storytimes.

      iii. Anne Checkai presented her last Science Club programs in March where both groups (K-2 and 3-8) made bristlebots, robots made of toothbrush heads, pager
motors, coin batteries and lots of tape. Both nights the kids had a great time assembling and then racing and running their bots. As an extender activity, Anne had brought out the branch laptops and the Finch robot LEAP kits to which both the parents and kids enjoyed giving simple commands. Families checked out all the kits.
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Action Items from April Meeting:
Jill- Book MLA conference uncommons for Guerilla Storytime
Amanda- check w/ MLA office about progress on getting a microphone for remote meetings
Jill- Finish assembling MLA Conference silent auction basket
Jill- Finish sending out letters to Blue Crab winners & honorees
Jessica and Bethany- work on draft of revisions to Blue Crab committee rules
Jessica- follow up w/ Jackie Cassidy & MLA Conference committee re: having a table in exhibits area with ALSC information and handouts
Jessica- Follow up with proposed & suggested program presenters for 2016 Kids are Customers & 2017 Southern/Western, get firm commitments and details
Jessica- contact proposed keynote speaker on “process art” for KAC
Jill- Contact author Emma Virjan to ask if she can speak at KAC, what cost would be
Jessica & Joe- work with Owings Mills branch & BCCC to book rooms for KAC general sessions and break-out sessions
Conni- post mini-features on Blue Crab winners & honors on CSD Facebook page & group, one category a week, during April & May
Jessica, w/ help from Jill- draft a participation survey for CSD members, possibly with a separate survey for Youth Coordinators and Staff Development Coordinators
Jill- write draft of “What CSD is All About” document for approval at June meeting
Jill- confirm details of June meeting, get driving directions & parking info
Jill- remind each person who volunteered a location for upcoming meetings to check for date/location availability and confirm.