Called to order by Amanda  10:04
I.  Introductions

Next meeting will be in Abington

II.  Approval of Minutes – moved by Karen, seconded by Kim – passed by acclamation

III.  Action Item Follow Up – will be addressed throughout meeting

IV.  President’s Report - Rachel – After Conference, last Executive Board meeting:
   a.  Thanks to all who served on the Board this year.
   b.  James Kelly is new MLLI chair
   c.  Conference review
      i.  Silent Auction brought in over $5,000;
      ii.  Pre-Conference broke even;
      iii.  Good reviews for speakers;
      iv.  Poor reviews on facilities especially the Captain’s Quarters.  There were some other issues with hotel – double booking, so didn’t have banquet room for speaker;
      v.  Vendors sold out.
      vi.  Attendance around 750 people-up from last year;
      vii.  No video taping of sessions this year.  Need to be ADA compliant on video – it’s too expensive to close caption, so nothing was recorded;
      viii.  Lanyard worked okay, some problems with meal tickets – have been addressed.

V.  Program Planning
   a.  Jan-  Mock Newbery – Future
      i.  Email form Sam and Rachael – will no longer do the Mock Newbery
      ii.  We’ve discussed in past to do something different –
         1.  perhaps Mock Caldecott -
         2.  Or could do our own – in a more centralized location.
         3.  Or could find out if any other county is doing it.
         4.  Could be a webinar.  Systems could be encouraged set up log in sites for staff.
            Discussion:
            ▪  Timing in January is awful.  Just after Christmas, bad weather.  But good for reading extra books -
            ▪  Timing has been geared to announcement.  Could do it earlier in fall, but run into all the other fall programs.
            ▪  Could we do a FaceBook – just for fun on-line vote.
            ▪  It isn’t a huge money maker, because it’s a small and inexpensive program.  Could be a webinar.
            ▪  Could alternate Caldecott and Newbery years.
            ▪  Amanda will chat with her Jennifer Ralston who is on next year’s Caldecott committee.  If we can find someone, we’ll try to go ahead.

   b.  Feb-  Virtual Training – Follow up report
      i.  Was finally held in May.  Cancelled because of weather.  People couldn’t get to work.  Had 8 of 10 people attend.  Feedback Rachel received was good.  But didn’t get all the evaluations.  She’s reminded 4 people, but they haven’t sent.  She has not sent out their CEU’s yet.  MLA should consider putting up an on-line eval. Form for the on-line training.  Best thing about it was the panelists.  No complaints about facility.  Weakness: lot of noise from time to time.
      ii.  Other topics suggested: writing reviews, fiction writing.
      iii.  Maybe next year, we’ll try to do our virtual training in April, or mid summer.
c. March/April- Southern/ Western – Follow Up report
   i. About 4.5 in marks
   ii. Some people found the review of skills tedious. People come in for many levels.
      1. Could we “grade” our trainings: i.e. for beginners, or for experienced.
   iii. Speaker had lots of papers for us to fill out, and people weren’t happy about having to fill out forms.
   iv. Made money on it. More people attend from Western than Southern.
      2. Western – 36 attend - $1873 - profit $1298
   v. Do we want to continue to offer food? Did we have a lot of left-overs?
   vi. For next year, think about moving Southern a bit further north. Calvert, maybe, or even Anne Arundel.

d. May- MLA Conference – Follow Up Report
   i. See Executive report
   ii. Rachel reports the sessions she attended were very well received.
      1. Lisa Krupp was amazing.
      2. The play was attended by people who don’t have this sort of offering in their systems and were very excited by it.
      4. Karen was disappointed in Pre-School STEM- too many people, so some people didn’t get to the stations.
         a. We should give tips to our presenters in future. Explain best way to present if have large groups, how to make interactive,
      5. Positive reviews for bi-lingual storytimes.

e. Sept- BEST – Rachel for Eileen
   i. Eileen Kuhl is coordinating again, needs to have everything by July 15.
   ii. Sept 19, Carroll County Community College
   iii. Books are selected: Picture Books; Graphic Novels; Grades 4-6 and Grades 6-9
   iv. Passed around form for facilitators.

f. Oct- Kids are Customers
   i. Oct. 15 at Owings Mills Library – thanks to Joe, who is working on logistics there.
      1. There are 3 hotels in the near area. Should we try to get a block of rooms?
   ii. Will be a mix of digital and readers advisory (tech and non-tech).
   iii. Will try to structure as offering 6 tech, 6 non-tech
      1. NON- TECH –
         a. Story time Yoga is confirmed
         b. Amanda will ask Deb Taylor for diverse books
         c. Pre-Summer Reading – movement program, maybe zumba for kids or biblio-bop (confirmed).
            Jessica will ask Christine about Zumba
         d. Capitol Choices.
      2. TECH –
         a. Minecraft for adults – Amanda will ask the Couries.
         b. Amanda will ask Julie Ranelli about her apps project
         c. Harford’s digital camp – Amanda will get a speaker for that.
         d. DLDS - family coding clubs – could be a break out.
   3. Group session for beginning – Gretchen doing coding in schools. Rachel will contact her.
   4. Only one author this year. Allison is close to getting Loree Griffin Burns. She comes from Massachusetts. So will have to figure out logistics of getting her here. Her talk will be around lunchtime hour.
   5. Closing: Guerilla Storytime
   6. Schedule:
a. Will make some changes in schedule to a little to give more time between sessions, shorter opening, shorter lunch,
b. Joe will find out what times classes change so we don’t crowd the halls at the same time.
c. Break-outs – do we want more opportunities for breakouts?
   i. We can have the Coding session as a break-out. Total of 9 Breakout sessions
   ii. Three at a time. No Repeats.
d. Classrooms in Community College hold about 24 – have full technology.
e. Library rooms are larger but not as much tech – good for movement sessions
f. For crowd control in each session – will put out tickets for each break out session. People will pick up tickets for the group they want to attend, and when tickets are gone, group is closed.
g. Joe will decide which rooms will be used for which program.
h. Break out sessions are one hour, lunch will be 45 minutes
   i. Group sessions will be author before lunch, closing is Guerilla Storytimes.

g. Awards- Blue Crab – First Meeting June 1st
   I. Shirley O’Neill is in charge.
   II. Meetings scheduled all over state.
   III. Two media specialists are on the committee.
   IV. Looking for nominations of books. Will send it out on our Distribution list.
   V. Shirley will not be available to come to CSD meetings, but will send reports.

VI. Old Business
a. Cross Division Event
   ii. Dorothy Stoltz will be our presenter. Something about publishing
b. Facebook – want to connect with other children’s library sites, ask Jessica Brown
c. Newsletter – Sophia has gotten some submissions. It will come out in early July.
   i. Sophia will continue as editor this year.
d. Dates / locations for upcoming meetings
   - July 13 – Abingdon
   - August 10 – Urbana
   - Sept - move to Day after Labor Day – or Mon. Sep 21
   - Oct – KAC – Owings Mills
   - Nov – Noyes
   - Dec – Bel Air
   - Jan – will we have a Mock Caldecott?
   - Feb. / June: will ask Carroll and Howard Co. and Pratt. Maybe PG
   - Mar – possibly Calvert Co.

VII. New Business At the end of meeting is Officer Rotation.
  a. Don’t know when the Officer orientation Leadership Day will be.
  b. Mary Hastler of Harford is new MLA President and wants to change the format of Leadership day.

VIII. Monthly Topic/ Idea Share/Discussion
   Rachel – Cecil – Thanks to everyone for the support and help, stacking chairs, registration, stuffing folders, etc. It’s been fun, she will continue to come to meetings.
   In Cecil – part of pilot of the Family Coding Club (DLDS initiative). Families must come four sessions, 12 -3, with lunch. This week was about Scratch. Had 3 families for the first one. Separated kids and parents, Instructors from Future Makers and Code in the Schools. Three more weeks- coming this week MakeyMakey kits, week 3 a family project, week four – showcase of projects. Many people interested, but timing is bad in summer will offer in fall and get more registration
Tyler – Cecil – Summer super=hero program. Super hero training, kids in costumes – photo booth set up. Captain Blue Hen. Rachel’s branch had super hero costumes (capes and masks) had super-hero games, local ice cream place made custom flavors. Tyler was young adult, and has now joined children’s in Cecil.

Jessica C. - Baltimore Co. – first tandem event with Woodlawn. Literacy fair and baby shower. They had more people, but Rosedale had more community partners: Autism awareness day – lots of sensory storytimes: Child lunch program run by the school system at the library: In July – Maker Space event - part training and part open to public: BCPL will be on Manic Monday on WBAL at 5:45 am. At Fells Point.

Kim - BCPL – Family fun night – used to be a large event In fall with food, crafts, stations, entertainment. Was discontinued a few years ago. But started doing it again. Hour of activities, mini-golf in the stacks, pool noodle toss, crafts. Had about 100 people, hoped to have food carts, but could only get Kona ice. Tom Lilley as entertainer.

Joe Farmarco – BCPL – Spanish storytimes are now bi-lingual. No word yet on how that has been received: Owings Mills is planning to convert the entire first floor to children’s and move Adult materials upstairs: Already have monthly family movie on Saturday afternoon. Will try to have weekly matinee on Mondays, Hero movies: Joint event with CCBC – Many cultures / Many worlds. Had some storytimes, adult lectures. Passport to Crafts. Had African and Hispanic storytimes, about 12 to 24 people, Irish didn’t have any attendance. It was rescheduled because of riots, but was popular anyway: Title 1 schools in BC will be open 12 hours during summer. Each school decides how to arrange the hours (i.e. 2 hours once a week, or 1 hour twice a week). Time for the Library to take in summer reading materials.

Karen - BCPL – Pikesville – had third stuffed animal storytime: Having a superhero accessory craft program. Will have a Star Wars program. Outreach program to the schools to do summer reading stuff. Have children’s art in the branch: Starting Hebrew/English programs: Planning 3 programs with the senior center on reading with children: Geek crafts – future maker style. Will set out stuff and have kids make jewelry. Instagram reposts pics of all kinds of geeky things that people make.

Sophia - Harford – did a 3-5 storytime and got kids to sit in a circle and sing. Harford has on-line Summer Reading sign up this year. It’s a little more complicated, but will see how it works out.

Amanda – Harford - FINCH robot loan. Debuted in a Meet the Finch program and will use them in programs. Got 18 robots, one in each branch and some in innovation lab, and some that travel for programming. These on loan are only for programming, but have purchased 10 for circulation. Affordable and fairly sturdy: Purchased a BeanStack subscription –It’s pricey but it’s a very well reviewed by librarians. it’s a reader advisory app with a public side and a library version. Go into their website, and register as a Harford co. library public, it will send customized recommendations, tied in with Harford Co. catalog. Also apps, curriculum tips. Launching on July 6, Children can be awarded badges if finish a certain number of books, etc. Will tie it in to Harford’s winter reading program. Rex is doing well, he was born at a little over 3 lbs, and he’s over 8 lbs now.

Rachel, Amanda and Jessica Brown will get together and pass everything. In July Jessica will run the meeting. May be another face from Arbutus, Arlene Berry.

Play Away launch pads – BCPL is loaning. Lots of apps, very well received.

Adjourn - 12:30

Next meeting – Monday, July 15
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