Intellectual Freedom Advisory Panel Meeting
Wednesday, February 3, 2016
online via Blackboard Collaborate
12:30 PM

MINUTES

Attendees
Andrea Dowling, Monica McAbee, Sarah Jane Miller, Gaylord Robb

Minutes
December 2015 minutes were approved.

Reports

• Executive Board:
  - Our new advocacy tool, “Engage,” does not track phone calls, so ALA is debating whether to change to yet another tool. “Engage” took the place of “Capwiz.” Send any feedback about its usability to Natalie Edington: nedington@aacpl.net
  - Conference registration will open soon (and as of this writing, has opened!).
  - The winner of the Maryland Author Award is novelist Dan Fesperman.

• Conference Committee:
  - The Final Checklist is due Feb. 19 (ours has now been submitted).
  - Monica will encourage Kate Bolger (speaker) to post any handouts on Lanyrd.
  - There will be a “Networking Uncommons” room again. Monica recommends we do not schedule an IFAP meetup this way, due to low turnout the last 2 times.
  - At the February Conference Committee meeting, we will be doing final checks on AV needs, etc. Sarah Jane will attend the meeting on February 17.
  - There will be a rolling Happy Hour event on Wednesday evening.
  - Pub Quiz on Thursday evening, as usual.
  - There may be a scavenger hunt during the Conference.

• Facebook:
  - Andrea reported that we now have 111 “Likes.”
  - Starting the first week in March, members will submit a post for the Facebook page highlighting a favorite challenged or banned title. We will call the feature “Freedom First Friday.” Monica will kick off March, Sarah Jane will post in May. Andrea will solicit additional member posts at the next meeting.
Programs and Projects

- IF LibGuide Tutorial – we are working on submitting sections to Mou. Monica will send out an email reminder to the group.
- Patriot Act Update presentation webinar – Monica will email to get speaker ideas for April, but may be moved back to May or June.

New Business

- Crab article for spring – Monica will email the group to solicit ideas for a topic.
- Program ideas for next year – members will look for ideas for next year's conference programs. The idea of freedom in programming was raised.

Future Meetings

April 6: The Narrows, 3023 Kent Narrow Way S, Grasonville, MD 21638
June 1: Broadneck Grill, 1364 Cape St. Claire Road, Annapolis, MD 21409