Intellectual Freedom Advisory Panel Meeting  
Wednesday, April 6, 2016  
The Narrows Restaurant  
Grasonville, Maryland  
12:30 pm

Attendees

Mou Chakraborty, Andrea Dowling, Steve Labash, Cathi Dunn MacRae, Monica McAbee, Sarah Jane Miller, Gaylord Robb

Minutes

February 2016 minutes were approved.

Reports

• Executive Board:
  ○ Monica reported that she was asked to continue as IF Officer for upcoming year and she accepted.
  ○ IFAP will receive same budget as last year – a total of $300.

• Conference Committee:
  ○ Monica reported that everything is on track for the conference.
  ○ It was decided that there would not be a rolling happy hour, but there will be the annual pub quiz on Thursday evening.
  ○ Conference registration has been extended.
  ○ This is the last year that the conference will be held in Ocean City.

• Facebook Update:
  ○ Andrea reported that we now have 114 “Likes” on the Facebook page and 92 Post reaches for April's Freedom First Friday feature.
  ○ Sarah Jane will do the June Freedom First Friday entry on a children's picture book called “Who's in my Family.”

Programs and Projects

• Patriot Act Update presentation webinar – Monica has not received any response to email for speaker suggestions, so she is still soliciting ideas for a speaker for a Patriot Act webinar. She is going to check with the ACLU for speaker ideas.

• IF LibGuide Tutorial – Mou is currently coordinating the LibGuide, which will include links to the Library Bill of Rights.
  ○ Sarah Jane is writing section dealing with challenges at work, which is geared toward
public libraries.
   ○ Other members will complete assigned sections and forward to Mou.

New Business

   • Sarah Jane reports that she may have found a new IFAP recruit, Robert Chrystal and she will ask him about doing a Freedom First Friday post.

   • Monica asked for ideas for an article for the summer edition of *The Crab*. Membership recruitment or a report on the conference program are possible topics.

   • Monica solicited ideas from the group for program ideas for next year.
     ○ Mou brought up the idea of making a poster as a recruiting tool.
     ○ Mary suggested a program about censorship featuring a librarian from the Cape Henlopen school district or perhaps a reporter who covered the case, as a speaker.
     ○ A teen focused stand alone program was suggested and discussed. Mou suggested a panel with a teen specialist, teens and a library director. Discussion will continue next meeting. A program coordinator is needed. Sarah Jane will ask Robert Chrystal.

Future Meetings

June 1: Broadneck Grill, 1364 Cape St. Claire Road, Annapolis, MD 21409
August meeting: TBD