Attendees

Mou Chakraborty, Robert Chrystal, Andrea Dowling, Monica McAbee, Cathi Dunn MacRae, Jennifer Neumyer, Gaylord Robb, Mary Somers, Susan Sternberg

Minutes

June 2016 minutes were approved.

Reports

- Executive Board
  - Monica reported that the Executive Board met last month.
  - It was emphasized at the meeting that all MLA groups should be doing a stand alone program that can bring in money. Monica suggested that Carrie Gardner would be an excellent speaker for a stand alone program.
  - Monica reported that an annual leadership orientation took place at the Executive Board meeting to go over policies and procedures.
- Facebook – Andrea reported that we currently have 119 “likes.”

Programs and Projects

- Patriot Act webinar and “Teens and Banned Books” panel – these programs will not happen this year. Monica explained that ideally 5 months or more is needed for planning as well as a person to take charge of planning each program. We can revisit the Teens and Banned Books panel in Spring 2017.

- IF Tutorial using LibGuide – Mou explained that summer has been a busy time and she has not received additional content from members. She will send out an email to members detailing what sections are complete, and which sections still need to be written up.

- Freedom First Fridays on Facebook– Mou's daughter will write up a post for August 5. Future FFF posts can be emailed to Andrea at andrea.dowling@hclibrary.org.
• The CRAB article for Fall – Monica solicited ideas and it was suggested that she could interview the three new members who attended today's meeting and find out their thoughts about intellectual freedom and what inspired them to join.

• Membership recruitment update and ideas – We will continue to offer free dessert to new members at their first meeting. Holding meetings that can be accessed remotely will accommodate those who may be interested but are unable to attend meetings in person.

New Business

• Monica officially welcomed our three new members today – Robert Chrystal, Jennifer Neumyer, and Susan Sternberg.

• Monica, Mou, and Andrea will get together to decide whether to continue using the Wiki. Andrea will send past meeting minutes to Bob Kuntz to update IFAP page at MLA site.

• For Banned Books Week 2016, we will again host a version of a virtual read-out and will invite the library community to participate through MaryLib. Individuals will submit a short video of themselves reading a passage from a favorite challenged or banned title, to be posted on our Facebook page.

• Monica will be sending out an email to new members with the link to the IFAP listserv, so that everyone can be in the loop.

• Standalone program ideas
  ◦ Carla Hayden was mentioned as a possible speaker for an IF related program, and Monica will extend an invitation to her to speak at a program, possibly in late November.
  ◦ Susan suggested a program on the topic of privacy and confidentiality. She also mentioned a group in Boston called Guerrilla Librarians who may be a source of good ideas for IF programs.
  ◦ The Delaware Association of School Librarians (DASL) would like to partner with us at the 2017 conference. They suggested a program called Managing Your Digital Footprint. Monica will contact their liaison to make plans.
Future Meetings

- To accommodate current and prospective members who can not attend meetings in person, we are going to alternate holding face-to-face meetings at restaurants, with meetings held in quiet venues like library meeting rooms so we can use technology such as Google Hangouts or Blackboard Collaborate, allowing the meeting to be attended remotely.

- Monica will consult with a tech savvy colleague to determine best platform and what equipment is needed.

- October meeting will be held at 12:30 PM on Wednesday, October 5 at The Narrows Restaurant
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