Intellectual Freedom Advisory Panel Meeting

Wednesday, October 5, 2016

The Narrows Restaurant
3023 Kent Narrow Way S, Grasonville, MD 21638
12:30 PM

MINUTES

Attendees: Andrea Dowling, Steve Labash, Moncia McAbee

Minutes

• Minutes from August 2016 meeting were approved.

Reports

• Executive Board: Monica
  • All MLA policies have been updated as of last Executive Board meeting.
  • Priorities for IFAP’s unit report include updating the IFAP manual, hosting a standalone program, and a conference program with DLA.
  • At the last Executive Board meeting it was reported that the organization was audited and passed with flying colors.

• Conference Committee: Monica
  • Attended a site visit at the Hyatt Regency in Cambridge, the site of the 2017 conference which will take place May 10-12, 2017.
  • The venue, located on the Choptank River, offers many amenities such as an indoor pool, mini golf, outdoor fireplace.

• Facebook: Andrea
  • The page now has 136 “likes,” 6 of which are new in the last month.
  • For Banned Books Week, we posted three “virtual read-out’ videos, 2 prompts to invite comments, and one photo. Also submitted a photo of our “Intellectual Freedom Cat” Jose to the Banned Books Week Shelfie hash tag activity sponsored by the OIF
Programs and Projects

- Progress on standalone program ideas discussed include free speech vs. hate speech vs. illegal speech. Perhaps get a first Amendment lawyer to speak.

- Progress on Conference program: We are ready with the approval form. We need to confirm the speaker.


- Freedom First Fridays on Facebook: Monica will put out a call on the listserv.

- Crab article for Winter: Looking for ideas.

New Business

- IF Manual update: This is a priority. Monica will email members about updating sections.

Future meetings

- December meeting will incorporate technology using Google Hangouts to accommodate remote attendees.
  
  - Next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at:

  Anne Arundel County Public Library Headquarters

  5 Harry S. Truman Parkway

  Annapolis, MD 21401-7042

  1:00-3:00 PM