Public Services Division
Of
Maryland Library Association

Division Meeting Minutes 6/13/19

In Attendance: Sabine Simonson, Yvette May, Liz Slack, Pam Taylor, Jennifer Jones, Alan Simpson, Will Froliklong, Ann McIntire, Lisa Swain, Sandra Meyers, Sam Eddington, Melissa Lauber

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve made by Sandra Meyers and seconded by Sam Eddington.

MLA Strategic Plan, PSD Work Plan: Review Draft of Annual Report, Officer Responsibilities/Task List

- Things we have learned: That we can request interpreters for programs, but would need this information way ahead of time as this caused our Outreach Unconference to not make any money. Our speaker fee was high for the fall but a grant from Novelist paid for that
- They are talking about creating a potential programs calendar so that we don’t overlap our programs with other divisions
- We successfully held three programs
- Networking: bad weather canceled our fall attempt but we did have the debrief at conference
- Blackboard meeting went well, we may try in the future to hold at least one virtual meeting a year (possibly either December or March meeting)
- We promoted PSD via Facebook, listserv, and buttons that were handed out @ conference
- 9 programs at conference
- We are recruiting via emails which contain meetings and divisional updates
- We have a Facebook presence which includes pages by MAPIG and OSIG as well as PSD and RAIG now has an Instagram
- By laws were reviewed and updated
- Minutes are posted online and sent to the archives
- PSD Work Plan: copy of the draft was handed out to view
- Officer Responsibility Task List: List was handed out to view, as we are looking to submit candidates by September to MLA office

Conference Wrap Up
- Had 9 programs
- Medical terminology program had a lot of technical issues and program was not well received.
- Craft program had our highest ratings, we may wish to do this again at conference or as a possible stand alone program in the future
- What if the Media Comes Calling had a good group of people attend and the program went well as the crowd was engaged and the speaker was excellent
- Career panel went well although it was tough to limit the speakers to the 6 minutes they were allotted. The time slot of the program was during the ice cream break in the afternoon so people were coming and going
- The sched app needs to be marketed better. The app was easy to download and use
- There were issues with parking and with the number of rooms, and this year's conference had 782 in attendance

OSIG
- Going well, and posting on Facebook

MAPIG
- Posting to Facebook
- Is curious about Instagram
- Possible adult program on grant writing

RAIG
- Wore crowns at conference for RAIG Rules
- Has a listserv and Instagram
- The author panel at conference was well received
- Genre program was held last week

Programming
- Outreach Unconference Wrap Up
  - An interpreter was requested last minute which was expensive, so we did not make any money for MLA
  - 15-20 people attended and the program went well

Fall Programs
- Deadline has been extended to June 15th
- Security program will be held on 9/26/19 and is being put together by Yvette. The program will be best practices and done by Frederick County and Baltimore County Staff
- Communicating with customers
  - Sam will touch base with the Mango representative that is doing training for him about possible funding for our program
  - If we are doing this as a winter program we will need to have information turned in by the end of September to be safe
- Developing in Place: Alan and Sandy will work on this

Social Event
- Tour of Elkridge Branch/ Guiness brewery possibly

Who is Attending ALA: Yevette, Jennifer, Sam, Alan, Sabine

Round Robin

Charles County: C4 Comic Con to kick off Summer Reading was held on June 8th and was very well attended. Melissa did her first Mobile Services ride along on June 8th

HPL: Alan helped Howard County apply for an innovation grant (in house) and the result is the very first book bike for Howard County

Talbot Free Library: 4th Annual Children’s Book Festival had 2518 people attended. They received county money for a commercial entitled Discover Easton

PGCMLS: Summer Reading Kick Off next weekend (6/22/19) There will be craft days, STEM Tables etc. They are starting strategic planning

BCPL Randallstown: Summer Reading is starting, They will be serving lunches to kids this summer, Podcasting

ESRL: Currently in slow time, 11/25/19 Feminism in Children’s Literature Program, save the date already sent out and there are currently 54 people registered

AACPL: LGBTQ month: Drag Queen Story time is drawing protests, there is also a transgender lunch and learn program being held. Mike Rowe’ from Dirty Jobs his mother will be speaking at the library on July 1st

BCPL Sollers Point: Switching to Comprise/SAM for printing, There will be a storytime with Poe from the Baltimore Ravens

BCPL Essex: Space related programs being held, Telescopes for night astronomy programs, there is an Astronaut coming to speak and there is a green screen with many backgrounds for photos

Harford Joppa: Non-shared collection coming on 7/1/19, Choose Civility program where an artist drew a mural on the windows of the branch and the local children came to paint the mural

Harford Aberdeen: Adult area currently closed, no computers, a lot of demo, new shelving and new carpeting; this is part of the branch refresh