Public Services Division Meeting Minutes  
September 10, 2020  
(Virtual Meeting)

In attendance: Alan Simpson, Ricky Newson, Liz Slack, Pam Taylor, Deidrah Reeves, Lisa Swain, Sabine Simonson, Jennifer Jones, Tina Pickens, Meg Faller, Sam Eddington, Melissa Lauber, Justin Switzer

Minutes: Motion to approve: Jennifer Jones, Seconded: Liz Slack. Minutes approved.

OSIG: Sharing lots on Facebook. Numbers of shares and followers increasing

MAPIG: Posts still being made on Facebook. Sabine will talk with Lisa about possibly taking over. There are currently 142 people in the group on Facebook, maybe we should ask if this is something that is still valuable. MAPIG is sponsoring a grant writing program for the 2020 virtual conference.

RAIG: Summer program of Black Authors Matter was highly successful. Over 60 guests watched the program. There was a follow up social last week for Black Author of Juvenile Fiction and YA Fiction that had 14-15 people in attendance. Their program for the 2020 conference made the shift from in person to virtual. They had their first meeting of the year recently.

Nominations for 2021 Officers: Jennifer Jones VP and Melissa Lauber Secretary

Unit Work Plan: Pam will send Sam an e-copy of the report that will be tweaked and then sent in. We will consider increasing the number of programs that we do for conference.

MLA 2020 Conference Plans:

- 10/13 Disability Etiquette Program 1PM (Sam Eddington)
- 10/15 Podcasting Program (Jennifer Jones)
- 11/3 Grant Seeking and Writing 3PM (Lisa Swain)
- 11/12 Resume program (Jennifer Jones)
- 11/19 Dungeons and Dragons 10AM (Liz Slack)

Training for those doing the hosting will be next week but will be recorded.

Silent Auction Basket: We are going with a pet theme again this year. Send Pam any items to include if you have not already. Photos and descriptions of what is in the basket are due soon.

MLA Conference 2021:

Theme is Libraries Without Limits
- Author Sonia Kamal to do a virtual presentation. She is an author who wrote the book *Marriageable* and did a TED talk on *Not Killing Off Your Dreams*: We will ask the conference committee about the budget for this.
- We are going to send out the request for program proposals again as the paperwork is due soon.
- The big question is are we going hybrid in person/virtual for the conference next year. Found out from Margaret that the Hotel will have a decreased capacity so a hybrid conference is looking likely.

Future Programming: Per MLA office request due to the conference there will be no fall programs this year. Sam will check about Spring programs at the next executive board meeting. Any programs we do virtually the cost is currently TBD.

Other Business:

- Pam, Jennifer, Tracy, Ricky, Deidrah are not receiving PSD emails due to Harford County email filters
- Lisa did an MLA Virtual Friday presentation and there were 2 people interested in PSD and 2 people interested in OSIG

Round Robin

Talbot County Free Library: Open with limited hours, as of yet they have not reached capacity

BCPL: Curbside pick up hours expanded to 10-6 and they are getting ready to offer contactless printing.

Harford County: Grab and Go Hours 10-6 Monday- Friday with Take and Make programs, contactless printing 20 pages free per person per day

Charles County: Doing curbside pick up appointments 1-5 Monday- Friday and 11-5 on Saturday.

Howard County: Lobby and curbside pick up available currently

Next Meeting: December 10, 2020 via Zoom