PSD meeting 9/8/2022

In attendance: Sabine Simonson, Melissa Lauber, Lisa Swain, Yvette May, Jennifer Jones, Tina Pickens.
Online: Liz Slack, Pam Taylor, Kate Monagan.

Minutes from June meeting. Sabine moved to accept the minutes as written, Tina seconded. Minutes approved.

Meeting location discussion. Arbutus unavailable. Tina will contact Deb brothers about booking meetings ahead. December 8 at least. MLA office an option as backup location?

Review of PSD website. Is there a way to join listserv without logging in to MLA website? Will change to say meets four times a year. Interest groups not attached to divisions any more? remove from PSD pages? Officers are correct. Minutes online are up to date. Keep pages streamlined, keep info basic.

MLA Connect - picture of donut holes represents PSD. Discussed functionality. There is an app.

Need officers for next year. Tina for VP if someone else will do secretary? Suggested request for officers via listservs.

Fall Programming: Futuring Unconference, Oct 20. Miller Branch, HoCo. Eight signed up so far. Sabine offered to help with snacks. Coffee and chocolate are a must. Tracy Miller & Lois Entner are facilitators. Jenn will run unconference piece.

Spring program - How to network in person. Do hybrid of hour & half online and in person content, then hour and a half of in person only? Two different CEUs. Speakers/presenter- PR person? MSL person? Lisa Swain will look into possible speakers. How to network in a post Covid world. (Early spring date. March or april)

Melissa will have conference programs after October 8.

Official roster has been sent in. Jenn, Lisa, Yvette, Sabine, Melissa, Tina, Liz, Pam are the core group.

Workplan - Jenn pulling from previous work plans to create the latest iteration. Will support MLA strategic plan. Promote use of MLA Connect for communication.

Use MLAConnect as often as possoble. Sabine is taking a picture of us at this meeting.to post on the PSD page in MLAConnect.

Nay wants to look at the Membership and see how to possibly change the structure, possibly encouraging more Institutional memberships and then staff would be a MLA member.
CONFERENCE - theme is “Level Up”. The forms for programs due October 8. Will be reviewed by committee and be decided upon. Speakers will have to be milked up. Conference is May 10-12 at Hyatt in Cambridge.

Jenn might want to do a Jane Austen in the Library program but needs to defend the idea with those who ask Why do a program about a “dead white woman”?

Meeting September 27 - check MLA Connect to see what its about.

Around the table. Liz (SO) wil email her info to Tina. Sabine (Talbot Co) has two programs coming up, they got a letter from Frederick Douglas authenticated, having first volunteer appreciation day (65 vols) going to Poplar Island for a tour and luncheon. Lisa (RA) says summer reading wrapped up, have reading buddies which allows teens to earn service hours helping younger kids, social worker starts Monday. Yvette (ES) they had free notary services last month, see a lot of shared domicile forms, in person Staff Day coming up October 10. Jenn (Aberdeen) ribbon cutting at new children’s area, gone back to pre-Covid hours, they got foam dinosaur bones from Imagination Playground for kids area, darlington moving from trailer to an old bank branch. Melissa (ChasCo) getting new La Plata branch, KennethWayne Thompson new MLA Vice President, started mobile notary services, doing online author talks.

Meeting wrapped at 12:04.