Public Services Division (PSD) Steering Committee Meeting  
Thursday, December 11, 2014  
Lansdowne Library, BCPL

Note taker: Sandy Meyers

Attending: Sandy Meyers, Jesse Roth, Dave Zelonka, Bob Hoff, Alan Simpson, Christina Teasley, Julie Brophy, Donna Sebly, Tracy Miller, Jennifer Jones, Maria Epperly, Sabine Simonson, Yvette May, Liz Slack

Excused: Tina Pickens, Secretary

Introductions were made. Donna, Sabine and Jesse brought refreshments.

Update from the President (Jesse)

MLA dues increase is coming, but details not known at this time. There was discussion on letting MLA office know that an increase could provide a financial hardship for certain individuals. PSD members may share their thoughts regarding the dues increase with MLA President John Venditta.

MLA is looking into how to generate closed captioning text for posted videos after an inquiry from a member of the hearing impaired community.

Maryland Legislative Day is February 18th in Annapolis.

Shared the most recent PSD Unit Report. We have great programs lined up for the conference in May. We continue to make posts to our Facebook and Twitter pages.

October 1, 2015 is a possible date for a meeting between the various service divisions of MLA to get together and network. There was discussion about how to include a CEU-eligible training component for attendees. According to MLA rules, this may require us to charge for the meeting, which we would like to avoid. Jesse will investigate if an exception can be made.

Virtual Meeting Follow-Up (Jesse)

Several members of PSD participated in a practice meeting on Google Hangouts October 29. Unfortunately, the meeting did not go as planned and we had numerous technical difficulties. The committee discussed ways to allow for virtual attendees in a facility better suited technology-wise for said meetings and decided that holding meetings at the MLA Office may be the best way to accomplish this. Committee members did not object to the idea of holding a future meeting at this location. We will discuss the matter further at a future meeting.

MLA Conference Update (Maria)

We will need people to help at conference; pass out CEU’s, get packets from MLA office, introduce speakers. Jesse asked how many are planning on attending.

We have 4 programs (1 pre-conference, 3 regular session) sponsored by PSD at conference
The MLA Conference Committee is planning a dance party for Wednesday night and the annual Pub Quiz on Thursday night,

Brochure is now all on line, no paper brochure. Not ready yet, still waiting to see who will receive the author award. David Simon and Frank DeFord are possible candidates

**Fall Program Wrap-up (Jennifer)**

Outrageous Outreach had great attendance, over 30 people and netted about a thousand dollars. Evaluations were good, and attendees came from around the state. We are talking of perhaps expanding it into a pre-conference event.

Our Spring program will be an Adult Unconference, moderated by Sam Eddington. We will have two sessions, March 19\textsuperscript{th} at Broadneck Branch of AACPL and April 9\textsuperscript{th} at Thurmont branch of Frederick County Public Library. Several committee members indicated that they would be able to attend either session.

Discussion of potential ideas for next fall’s program: Possible topics: Readers Advisory: It’s Just Not Books or Collection Advisory: Beyond Books. There was also discussion about possible programs that would work well as a webinar. Several concerns were raised about this style of program.