In Attendance: Jennifer Jones, Liz Slack, Yvette May, Pam Taylor, Derek Gee, Sam Eddington, Sandy Meyers, Lisa Swain, Sabine Simonson, Joe Thompson, Melissa Lauber

Approval of Minutes: The minutes for the September meeting were approved. The motion was made by Sabine Simonson and seconded by Lisa Swain.

MLA Strategic Plan/PSD Work Plan/President Responsibilities and Task List

- We are doing well with our work plan: We have held our fall program, we have a spring program in the works, minutes are being sent to the archives, Facebook posts are being made, new division prospects are being emailed, and we have 9 conference programs
- The division president’s task list has been updated to include booking the meeting rooms in advance for our meetings.
- MLA President Joe Thompson gave us an overview of MLA’s strategic plan and how things were going with that.

PSD Bylaws Final Review and Approval

- We have decided that we need 1/20th of our division at a meeting for quorum
- And there was a missing page in the old bylaws that was discovered and that was sent to us and information from that page has been added to the new bylaws.
- The Roster needs to be updated and the secretary will send out an email asking for additions/subtractions to the roster
- Motion for the bylaws to be approved: Sam Eddington Second: Sabine Simonson. Bylaws approved.

OSIG/MAPIG/RAIG

- OSIG is interested in co-sponsoring a program for conference, and continues to post to Facebook
- RAIG has sent out a survey for topics and has gotten a good response so far. On 12/15/18 there will be a discussion of a Christmas Carol from 2:00pm-3:00pm. Their next meeting will be on 1/10/19 at Anne Arundel County Public Library Headquarters, 5 Harry S. Truman Parkway Annapolis, MD 21401
- MAPIG Is continuing to post to Facebook and would like to co-sponsor programs in the future so VP’s should keep an eye out for programs similar to the Adult Craft Program we are holding at conference.
Programming

- We joked that we would no longer hold Reader’s Advisory programs in the fall due to the cancellation and rescheduling due to the hurricane.
  - The program itself went well. Most people were able to make the rescheduled program held in November.
  - There were 34 total people.
  - Barry the presenter loved the fact that we were able to stump him with books.
  - A grant from Novelist covered the fee for the speaker and they also supplied goodies for the session.
  - We made at least $1,000.

- The When Disaster strikes program is scheduled for 1/17/19 with a snow date of 1/24/19. The speakers for the program are Michael Gannon and Jennifer Nusbaum from MEMA. We have 12 registrations so far.

- The fall hike and tour of the Walkersville branch was canceled due to rain. We are considering 3/2 or 4/6 for potential dates to tour the branch and tour downtown Frederick.

- Conference: The theme is What If…
  - We have 9 programs that we are sponsoring: Local History Goes Digital (pre-conference), Adults are Thrifty Crafters, Medical Jargon Wasn’t Greek to Me, Your Career Path is Not a Straight Line, You Want to Self Publish a Romance, Librarians Taught Adults, Libraries Choose Civility, Table-Top Gaming Walks Into a Library, The Media Comes Calling.
  - Sam has agreed to be a back-up packet pick up person.
  - Conference Website: mladlacon.com

- Spring/Summer Program
  - Deadlines to submit program proposals are in January (for spring and summer programs) and June (for fall programs)
  - September 12th for the Security program with a deadline of June 1st for submission to PDP. Yvette and Sandra are going to work on this program.
  - Sam has agreed to work with Sabine and do an Outreach Unconference in April. January 15th is the deadline for submission to PDP
  - A possible program to look into is one on either Deaf Culture or Survival Kits for Foreign Language speakers and possibly pair up with Mango for a grant.

New Member Interest Group/‘Get to Know MLA’ Online Meet-ups
- The next meet-up is 12/13/18 in the afternoon with Tyler Wolfe of LDD

Other News
- ALA is in DC in June
  - The different library association chapters are being asked to share their plans.
  - There will be a table in the exhibition hall shared between MLA/VLA/DCLA and MLA is looking for people to help man that table.
On 6/20 MLA is going to co-sponsor a Happy Hour
Book Mobile Parade on 6/22/19 so those with mobile units in their counties may be asked to participate
Current ALA president is in a partnership with ABOS
Blackboard Collaborate Ultra has worked well, primarily for voices and slides

- MLLI applications are open
- Round Robin
  - Harford (Joppa) There is an opening for an Assistant Branch Manager with specialization in Children’s, They are doing a Human Library and they had their Beam projector with video games projected on a mat open all of Christmas break and that seemed to work well.
  - Frederick: Discover and Explore Series: Jewish Holidays, Lunar New Year in February. Sky Light Festival, Yoga Classes w/donations to a good cause fund, Series of ESL classes hosted with 8-10 participants
  - ESRL: Sam has a new job title with duties that encompass children’s area, he is also doing an Unconference pre-conference at ALA
  - Anne Arundel County: Jesse says Hi, They are back up and running online wise as a virus took down their system for months, New branch manager starts soon
  - BCPL Essex: Circ manager and Librarian III positions open, Notary Services are going well, Detective from BCPD offered Active Shooter training
  - BCPL Mobile: Adult services stops added, coordinating more stops for veterans and refugees, partnering with barbershops and laundry mats, visiting troubled students in Woodstock
  - Talbot County Free: Nothing to Report
  - Charles County: Sewing Machine Lounge now open, new branch manager again at the West Branch as current manager is going to be the Director of Wicomico Library, 2 successful Lego We-Do Kit programs
  - BCPL Sollers Point: has job openings, There have been changes in how they are allowed to recruit people
  - Harford (Aberdeen): Now have a new teen librarian, currently has a children’s librarian vacancy that requires an MLS, has a part-time vacancy, has sit and knit programs and sewing programs

Next Meeting is on March 14th in the MLA office, we will try to work it out so people can attend virtually