PSD Meeting 12/8/2022

In attendance: Jenn Jones, Sabine Simonson, Melissa Lauber, Lisa Swain, Liz Slack, Tina Pickens, Yvette May.

Pres: Jenn, VP is Melissa, Secretary: Tina

Introductions, discussion of MLA members expressing interest in PSD being given access to PSD page on MLA Connect.

Future meetings: Sollers is a possibility, Liz can get us on the Rec Dept calendar. She will check calendar and get us on it if possible thru 2023. MLA office is always a fall back location.

Suggestion to post minutes on MLA Connect, Secretary will email group that they're available, and will have a week to approve before they become official. Then will be sent to Bob to be posted online. (Already being done by Executive Committee)

MLA Connect: Jenn has been trying to keep info up to date. Suggests it be checked every day, multiple/times a day. Sabine will try to be better about checking MLA Connect. Will share info from our social media pages to MLA Connect. It's the one place to go for information. We have 24 people who are members of PSD on MLA Connect.

Fall Program: eight attendees. Went well for an in-person program. Positive feedback.

Possible Winter/Spring program? Networking. Lisa was Unable to hook up with AACPL person (Bethany Tyler - now lambert). Will try to do hybrid of in person and/or virtual. In person/virtual is 3 hrs, virtual only is 1 hour. Lisa is looking into speakers/presenters.

Possible unconference program in future: emerging adults. 18-24 year olds. There was an MLA program facilitated by someone named Stephanie. Lisa and Sabine attended and said it was an awesome program. Maybe next year at conference? Or some other iteration? Discussion ensued. Melissa and Lisa will work on this.
Lively discussion about marketing programs, libraries, social media platforms.

Jenn will contact Stephanie Petruso about doing a program concerning social media; what’s hot and what’s not.

Conference in Cambridge is second week in May. Melissa read off the list of PSD programs. We’re tied with CSD for most programs sponsored. ALL presenters will be using a mic. The presenter agreement forms will state that.

Brief explanation/discussion of other programs being offered at conference.

Round robin:

(Yvette) music at Essex has been popular, snack program has requirement that food be eaten in children’s area, but teens take food elsewhere. (Liz) they’ve been lending Chromebooks; program is so popular and is very successful at SO. People are returning them on time. They’re finally getting the furniture they’d ordered. (Lisa) Getting new manager in January. Diabetic educator visits branch. A lot of programs restarting after COVID restrictions. (Sabine) New County Council so Library needs to establish connections with the new members. Offering a gift-wrapping program. (Melissa) Had tenth anniversary program. Ferrets & Friends group did a program. Had a waiting list to attend. New La Plata branch is in the works, waiting on architect approval. Ugly Sweater program was a fun success. (Jenn) Board members are visiting branches to talk to staff. New County Executive, some new County Council members. Wants to do a Read-Aloud program, for all ages, (kids and adults) but not sure what to call it. “Maybe Chapter by Chapter”, or “The Next Chapter”.

Minutes posted by: Tina Pickens, secretary