Members in Attendance: Teonja Jung-President, Nicole McLain-Vice-President/President-Elect, Lou Sica-Secretary, Shelley Gilchrist, Gina Harris, Shirley Mason, Amy Moser, Pat Turkos, Erik Walls

Guests: Elaine Atwell, Paul Chasen, Moneik Frazier, Gabriel Jones

Welcome

- The group enthusiastically welcomed Gina back.
- Members and guests introduced ourselves.
- Teonja gave an overview of SSD for the benefit of our guests.
- Teonja reminded the members and informed our guests of the public speaking program we are sponsoring on March 23, 1:30-4, at the Perry Hall Branch of BCPL.
- Teonja also spoke of our intent to have an active shooter stand-alone program sometime in the summer.
- Nicole shared our slate of conference program with our guests.

Conference Report-Nicole

- The conference brochure is on the MLA website.
- Conference registration had a soft opening and the early bird discount is available until March 17.
- There is a link to the resort from the MLA website. This link is to be used to receive discounted lodging.
- Due to the costs there are limited banquet options so registrants can attend a banquet just to hear a speaker without having to purchase a meal.
- All of our paperwork was submitted early and well-deserved kudos were extended to Nicole for this accomplishment.
- Nicole is preparing the bios and introductions for our programs.
- Teonja, Amy, Gabriel & Moneik are attending the conference and offered to assist Nicole with program duties.
- Prizes are still needed for the Pub Quiz.
- SSD voted not to do a poster session this year.
- Sponsorship's from library systems/libraries are still needed.
- The Silent Auction is going strong and Sharon has offered to coordinate our contribution for this year. Lou will touch base with Sharon on this.
Executive Board Report - Teonja

- Teonja gave some highlights from the Executive Board Report she emailed the group:
  - Presentation from MASL – Maryland Association of School Librarians
  - Presentation from CEO of Howard County Public Library – Valerie Gross
    1. role of librarians
    2. Using language that changes our perceived value. Example instead of Information, use Instruction, research, education.
  - New Business – Request from MAPLA to support bill to move DLDS from the “Other” section of MSDE and make it its own Division. - Lynn Wheeler
    - Currently, DLDS is lumped in with K-12
    - New law would make it a Division of its own
    - MACO (MD Advisory Council on Libraries) would become the board
    - Will eliminate the limitations that the current structure dictates
    - State Librarian would become – Assistant Superintendent of Libraries
    - Would physically move to SLRC offices.
    - Title of the bill is Educational Library Reorganization of Library Government Structure

Active Shooter Program - Pat

- Pat will check with Dennis at Loyola University (he presented our Active Shooter program at the 2016 conference) to see when he is available over the summer.

SSD page on MLA website - Lou

- The membership page is current and accurate as of this meeting.
- The broken Facebook link has been removed and the correct link is now there.
- Our March 23 Public Speaking program is included on our page as well as the home page of the MLA website.

Facebook page - Erik & Lou

- Erik & Lou have been posting to the page at least once a week along with some posts made by Teonja.
- Erik is learning about Facebook statistics to see how our page is doing.
- Elaine mentioned that she would like to see links on the page about training opportunities for support staff.
Marylib-Lou

- Lou sent an email to marylib regarding our March 23 Public Speaking program.
- Lou also sent an email regarding this meeting which is how Moneik & Gabriel heard about our group.

Professional Development Panel (PDP)-Paul

- Paul reminded us that he is our liaison from the PDP and that he is available to assist us with planning programs, the necessary forms, and formulating learning objectives.
- The panel is revisiting the program planning training to be a hybrid of in person and online/virtual training.

Other

- Teonja encouraged members and guests to email her with any ideas for conference and stand-alone programs.
- Gina shared some resources for online training/webinars that Lou will share on our Facebook page: infopeople.org, webjunction.org, American Library Association (ALA) & Public Library Association (PLA) webinars, State Library Resource Center (SLRC) webinars and gcflearnfree.org. Gina & Lou will email the group as when they are aware of offerings.
- We thanked our guests for coming and encouraged them to become steering committee members!

Agenda Building

- Our next meeting is Thursday April 6 at 1:30 at BCPL-North Point and agenda topics will include the active shooter program, the silent auction donation and scheduling our FY18 meetings.
- Our June meeting will be Thursday June 1 at 1:30 at the Loyola/Notre Dame Library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lou Sica