Maryland Library Association-Support Staff Division

Minutes of 2/7/19
BCPL-White Marsh

In attendance: Amy Moser (SSD Acting President, Vice-President/President-Elect), Lou Sica (SSD Secretary), Jane Brown, Moneik Frazier, Shelley Gilchrist, Robyne Greenwood, Maria Jacob, Gabriel Jones, Teonja Jung, Traci Mathai, Nicole McLain, Sharon Proakis, Robin Soma-Dudley

Guest: Charles Ross

President/Vice-President Transition-Amy

- Due to Erik’s resignation, Amy is now Acting President in addition to being Vice-President/President-Elect. Erik left her excellent documentation.
- Amy & Lou will meet with the incoming officers, Robin & Maria, towards the end of this fiscal year to review officer expectations.
- Amy now works for Frederick County Public Library

Executive Board Meeting- Amy

*Amy’s notes as emailed to Lou

Annual Investment Report – our money is being invested in industries/products/companies that will continue to make money despite political climate.

Treasurer’s Report – Long term reserves are up, so that’s good news! Numbers are looking normal, brought in money from vendor fees and sponsorships, memberships, and programming last month.

Talked about Legislative Day which was Tues 2/5.

Michelle Hamiel is spearheading an MLA Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Leadership Taskforce, and is looking for representation from divisions and interest groups.

TSD will be dissolving their division and will pick up next fiscal year as an Interest Group.

Suggestion that MLA By-laws be voted on electronically during MLA elections as opposed to being presented at the Annual Meeting. This would allow for more members to weigh in and vote.

MLA will be sharing a booth with DC, Virginia, and Delaware’s respective library associations at the upcoming ALA conference in Washington, DC.

Look for an MLA Branding taskforce to come this fall.
LDD is moving forward with creating a mentoring directory and database – they are hoping to launch this at Conference.

**Conference Committee-Amy**

*Amy’s notes as emailed to Lou*

Final Checklists for programming were due at the end of January.

Kacey Martin has been working on a separate MLA/DLA Conference website (different from mdlib.org) and it’s looking really awesome! Check it out @ [http://mladlacon.com](http://mladlacon.com)

Conference website will include scheduling features that will allow you to add programs into your personal calendars (mobile) if you want to, and will include tagging features to sort through programs and curate your own list based on your interests.

Bag design was chosen – will look different than the brochure design.

Poster session was still looking for more submissions at the time of the meeting – see Megan Jones’ emails to marylib list. Deadline was extended to allow for more submissions.

**Additional Conference Information**

- Moneik & Gabriel will be the hosts for Getting to Know Your Latino Customers from 1:30-3:30 on Thursday.
- Robin & Amy will be hosts for Embrace Your Queer Peers from 3-4 on Thursday.
- We are also co-sponsoring What If You’re A New Supervisor from 3-5 on Thursday w/LDD.
- The conference website is [www.mladlacon.com](http://www.mladlacon.com)

**Introductions**

We welcomed Charles Ross, HR Manager-Harford County Public Library, as a guest to our meeting and introduced ourselves.

**January Program-When Disaster Strikes-Lou**

The program, co-sponsored with PSD & LDD, was a big success. We had 32 attendees and made $944.64.

**Getting to Know & Serving English Language Learners standalone program-Jane**

Since it is too late to submit programs for April-August, we will discuss this again at our April meeting and decide if we want to try and offer it again.
**Standalone Programs**

- Some ideas for future standalone programs include public speaking, customer service, internet privacy and morale boosting.
- As noted above, we may also try to offer the English Language Learners program again.
- All members are asked to please come to the April meeting prepared to discuss standalone programs and have ideas and leads on speakers if possible.
- June 1 is the deadline to submit fall program ideas to the MLA PDP.

**Guests for Future Meetings:**

- We would like to invite the head of the MLA Marketing and Membership committee and the head of MLA’s Future of Libraries Interest Group to discuss the work of their groups.
- Amy will invite Michelle Hamiel, head of MLA’s Equity, Inclusion and Diversity Task Force to speak at our Thursday April 4 meeting at the South Bowie Branch of the Prince Georges County Memorial Library System.

**June Mtg.-Lou**

Lou will look into having the Thursday June 6 meeting at the Loyola/Notre Dame Library or the Randallstown Branch of BCPL.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lou Sica