Maryland Library Association
Support Staff Division
4-6-2023
Location: Held Virtually

In Attendance: Teonja Jung (Vice-President) Gabriél Jones (Secretary), Nicole McLain, Robin Soma-Dudley, Lou Sicca, Moneik Frazier.

- **Executive Board Meeting-Tenoja**
  a. Affiliate Memberships-BCPL, CCPL, St. Mary’s, Montgomery County and Queen Anne counties have signed up for affiliate membership.
  b. MILLI-not happening this year, will find out what libraries are doing
  c. BCALA membership renewed
  d. Centennial in November will have Carnivale theme, more fun than formal, tattoo fundraiser, local events leading up to it
  e. Managers Academy/Summit
    a. State Library Manager Summit-MLA hosting similar event in July
    b. Lead-in, promotion of managers academy (alternative to MLLI)
  f. President’s Report-Supporting freedom to read foundation, preparing for book bans
  g. Legislative update-looking for more support from MD legislators

- **Unit Reports**
  - Unit reports
    - LAIG
      - Determining training/learning opportunities/speakers - reach out to Tif if you have any ideas
      - Support orgs in prepping advocacy teams
    - EDI
      - Illinois - legislative preventing book banning
      - Fact gathering phase
      - Disabilities-centered program for April
      - Event planning norms
      - Accessibility checklist for MLA programs
    - RAIG
      - Hope punk, climate fiction, modern gothic, & quozies (queer cozy mysteries)
    - MSLA
      - Joining as affiliate member
      - Laura Hicks has joined MSLA
      - Increase in 7% of budget
    - BCMLA
      - Service project advisors - serving communities, phase 2 - develop leadership skills for library directors & leadership teams to engage with their communities, up to $10k
    - PSD
      - Social media program (24 registered, 17 attended)
      - 9 MLA Conference programs
• Not more readers’ advisory programming in the fall (3 in a row)
  o TIG
    ▪ New members
  o CSD
    ▪ Kids Are Customers is full
      • 115 registrants
  o LDD
    ▪ “Just Work”
    ▪ Postponing May meeting for conference
  o LGBTQ+
  o The Crab
    ▪ Volunteer award winners get individual column
  o OSIG
  o Materials
    ▪ Partnering with MILO

• SSD update
  o 3 new members!
  o Goal to create more original content for our Facebook page
  o Make more time for sharing what’s going in on in our libraries regarding support staff - any trends/articles (inspired by BCMLA)

Conference Committee Meeting-Teonja

• Registration Update
  a. 545 are registered
  b. Hotel is at capacity
  c. Forms are all submitted and finalized
  d. The program planner at the program will be giving out CEUs only to folks who have stayed for the entire presentation, will also be giving out evaluations
  e. Working on getting a photographer, they will have a check list
  f. Still slots left to volunteer, check sign-up genius to volunteer

• Orientation
  a. 76 people are signed up
  b. Will be a posted recording a few days after orientation

• Evaluations
  a. Have been streamlined, will be available on survey monkey
  b. Kelsey will distribute a QR code for speaker’s slides
  c. There will be a survey for overall conference on survey monkey
  d. Conference Committee will meet in June, not May
  e. Kelsey is creating a Conference Committee feedback form
  f. There are buttons for conference and BCMLA
  g. 100 Centennial pins will be available to purchase for $5
  h. Pocket guides are being worked on, room assignments sold out
  i. Members should verify with their speakers if sound will be needed for their presentations and then let Kelsey know

• Social Committee-everything is all set, please consider volunteering for Silent Auction
Website - if speakers do not login with the same email that they provided on the form, then they will not be able to upload their presentations or view personalized schedules connected on Sched.

Social Media - if you like to help Amy take photos and post social media, email (amymill@carr.org). If you want to post during conference, use hashtag #MLADLA23.

Social Media Update: Gabriél
a. Post reach average: 87, Post engagement average: 14, Followers: 147
b. Top post: “Libraries are one of the few places left in society where you’re allowed to exist without the expectations of spending money”
c. Library Workers Day is April 25th, please send any original content to Gabriel.Jones@pgcmls.info to be posted.

Next Meeting
- June 1, 2023: Hyattsville Library (hybrid option) 6530 Adelphi Road Hyattsville, MD 20782, will be reviewing SSD bylaws and SSD job descriptions.

Submitted by,
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