MLA-SSD (Support Staff Division)
Minutes
June 2, 2016
1:30-3:30 pm

Attendance: Lou, Teonja, Sharon, Nicole, Erik, Tiffany, Pat

Business Meeting-Lou
- Lou shared information from the MLA annual conference about this year’s award recipients.
- Lou shared MLA’s new code of conduct.
- It was announced that the MLA annual conference will be held next year at the Hyatt in Cambridge, Maryland from May 10-12, 2017.
- The president for next year will be Kathleen Teaze. She is from Prince George’s County. Her goal for FY17 is to increase membership by 10%.

Executive Board Report- Lou
- The budget for FY17 has been approved.
- MLA sent a letter to the principal of a school in Lebanon, Kentucky from the Intellectual Freedom Advisory Panel. The letter was sent in support of the book “Looking for Alaska” by John Green to be kept in the school’s curriculum.
- The in-coming president reported that most of the committee chairs will continue to serve next year.
- The June conference committee meeting is a wrap-up meeting and a kick off meeting for the new committee members.
- Lou shared some revenue figures from the annual conference.
  - Conference income was higher than projected
  - Conference sponsorship was up over last year by $18,000.00
  - Silent Auction was up slightly from last year
- Michelle Hamill will be the assistant conference committee chair for FY17

Other Business
- We reviewed the evaluation forms from our sponsored programs from the annual conference.
  - How to Fill the Succession Pipeline had 63 attendees. The program was well received by attendees and had the majority of 4 and 5 ratings on the evaluation forms.
  - Active Shooter had 70 attendees. The program was well received by attendees and the majority of the ratings were 5’s on the evaluation forms.
- We received numerous suggestions for future programs:
  - Difficult Conversations
  - Mentoring
  - Succession Planning with a panel from different library systems
  - Mentoring
o Cyber Security
o Mental Health issues for public and staff
o Self Defense Basics
o Repeat Active Shooter Training

• Although we did not receive the number of attendees we were hoping for, the stand-alone program, “It is what it is...But it becomes what you make it”, presented by Rosanne Torpey was well received. All evaluation forms received 5’s in all categories. After discussion, we agreed that the low attendance may have resulted from having the program shortly after the annual conference.

• Lou was finally able to contact Andre Jones and will be following up with him to discuss a possible fall stand-alone program.

• Lou will be working on preparing the annual report and will email the report to SSD for feedback.

• Our next meeting will be August 4, 2016 at the White Marsh branch, BCPL. This will be Teonja’s first meeting as our new President, Nicole’s as Vice President/President Elect and Lou’s as Secretary.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicole McLain