Maryland Library Association- Support Staff Division

Minutes of 10/3/19

FCPL-C. Burr Artz Branch

In Attendance: Amy Moser (President), Maria Jacob (Secretary), Nicole McLain, Lou Sica, Sharon Proakis, Teonja Jung, Jane Brown, Moneik Frazier, Gabriel Jones

Executive Board Meeting Highlights-
(As emailed to Maria from Robin)

- Membership dues from last year to this year is down a bit, but the membership numbers look the same. It seems that systems in the past who paid dues are not doing it anymore and this may affecting membership numbers
- Margaret said that she has seen membership go up and down throughout the year and it is very fluid
- Poe House- MLA is planning on paying 1/3 of the nominating fee about $300. Poe House is planning a presentation outside with a tent. More information will be passed along
- There was a review of the Board Assessment report and the task force
  - There seems to be some disconnect between the MLA and divisions. It was brought up that all individual divisions social media need to come to MLA in some way via branding and etc. Also make sure - websites and other social media have current information, including meeting times and officers of division and MLA.
  - It was noted that there may need to be an incentive to get more people to sign up for MLA. Membership is what type of advantage? CEUs is one thing, but what if not needed. Job classification- should there be a different membership price if CEUs not needed?
- MacMillan E-Book Policy
  - ALA E-Books for all
  - MLA to draft letter opposing the policy
  - Possible action through attorney general’s office
- There will be relooking at the Strategic Plan- not all of it just pieces of it
- Oct. 1- Read across Maryland- only five counties have signed up. Important to show we are behind the initiative
- If signing up for ALA midwinter put MLA20 in box for discount must be member of MLA.
- Also mentioned about the Maryland Library Slack channel.

Conference Committee Meeting Highlights-
(as emailed to Maria from Robin)

Website and Graphics
- There: Into the Roaring ‘20s. Graphics have been decided as forward looking but still keeping the feel of the 1920s
Website will have content now the graphics have been decided
Frederick County is sponsoring the SCHD app for 2nd year. Hoping to do better marketing with the app for 2020
One of the issues that came up was making sure to include diversity in our theme. Working with Michelle Hamels from PG on diversity in the 1920’s such as Harlem Renaissance.
Also tie into the 100th anniversary of Women’s Right to Vote Walkersville has the Rightfully Hers display and will bring to MLA.

Keynotes:
- Still working on Carla Hayden
- It was decided to go ahead and book Michael G Twitty
- If no Carla then Brandon Carr and hi Carr Cares initiative

Vendors and Vendor Hall:
Trying to get people to come to the vendor hall on all days
- Tech petting zoo
  - Pepper the robot coming for 2 hours
  - AR/VR station from
  - Coffee for all in vendor hall
- Silent Auction
  - Will have the “buy now” option and looking at doing Paypal or another service
  - Still discussion on pub quiz, karaoke and speak easy
- Poster Sessions:
  - One of the divisions is taking over poster sessions (academia?)
- Programs
  - “How to get involved in MLA/DLA?” session with support from all divisions
  - Ignite: 9 from MLA and 6 from DLA will be in 3 sessions
  - Agreement forms due on Oct. 11 and will hear of approval soon after that date

FY’21 Officers-
- Secretary- Jane Brown
- Vice President/President Elect- Teonja Jung

Conference Program Update-
- Mindfulness Program- James Kelly and Patti Sundburg will be presenting. Amy has been in contact to help prepare the program.
- LGBTQIA+ Panel-Lisa Jones and Rihanna Harlow (both BCPL) will return with the addition of Cathy Hollerbach (AACPL) and Sophie Reverdy (AACC).
- ACEs/Compassion Fatigue will be a Pre-Conference co/sponsoring with CSD. The Resilience Film will be shown as part of the program.

Standalone Programming Update-
• Serving English Language Learners- November 5th at the Linthicum Branch of Anne Arundel County Public Library. Registration is still open and spaces are available

• Brainstorming for future programs- the group brainstormed during the meeting and a running list was created. Members are welcome to email Amy any ideas they think of after the meeting.

Other-

• November 4th is the Future Library Interest Group meeting held at the Kent Island, Queen Anne’s County Library. Amy will attend to represent SSD and will share info via email.

• Members shared what different/new and exciting things are taking place at their branches/systems.

• Sharon will take care of our Silent Auction basket again this year. She will be collect $5 from each member at our December luncheon meeting.

Next Meeting-

• Annual Luncheon Meeting @ Sunset Restaurant & Lounge, Thursday, December 5th, 1:00 pm- 625 Greenway Road SE, Glen Burnie, MD 21061

Action Items
• Website Update
• Information on Tech Petting Zoo
• Social Committee
• Pub Quiz