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MMLL Advisory Council

Meeting Notes

November 16, 2017

Present: Cathy Carter (Frankfort/BSDL), Susan LaBelle (Frankfort/BSDL), Debra Greenacre (Manistee), Mary Barker (Pentwater), MaryJane Fedder (Pentwater), Miriam Andrus (Big Rapids), Chris Cook (Big Rapids), Tom Burnosky (Reed City), Diane Eisenga (McBain), Patti Skinner (MCDL), Eric Smith (MCDL), Patti Colvin (Cadillac)

1. The group looked again at the evaluation summaries from the annual luncheon held at the Cadillac Grill on September 21st, 2017. There was overwhelming positive response to the speed round tables. Kudos to your Advisory Council co-chairs, Miriam Andrus and Patti Skinner, for the great idea and coordination!
2. The Board meeting format at the annual luncheon was a bit of a fail, however, so the group discussed how to change this for the next annual luncheon. The group thought having the Board meeting at the beginning of the event was best, with Board members seated face-out in a semi-circle with microphones.
3. Another suggestion was to review the materials given to participants to orient them to the information and the agenda for the day. The group felt that having Library of Michigan staff presenting at the meeting was a good thing, and something to repeat next year, at minimum the State Librarian and Library Law Specialist. (I have already asked them for next year's date and am waiting for response. – SM)
4. We needed more of a hands-on QSAC session, rather than just the overview. Eric mentioned that MCDL has several proposals in for presentations at the Loleta Fyan Small and Rural Libraries Conference, one of which is a hands-on QSAC session. The group had a discussion on whether or not QSAC Essential should be a goal (required?) for all MMLL member libraries. Perhaps there could be a stipend given once the library achieves QSAC essential – perhaps next year in lieu of the mini grants?
5. There was a suggestion that we do a call for proposals for the next annual meeting. An 8-minute presentation is not too hard to create and good experience to add to a resume. Some topic ideas for next year's speed round might be ALA documents such as the Library Bill of Rights, selection policies, acquisitions tips, and turning library success into community success.
6. The group discussed the need for all member library Boards to receive a mailing from MMLL with the schedule of meetings for the year and especially the date of the annual meeting with emphasis that it is for them as well as the library directors and staff. There was no discussion regarding the location/venue for the 2018 annual meeting.

7. A suggestion was made to find an open time at the Loleta Fyan Small and Rural Libraries Conference to gather any staff or trustees from the League for a get-together.
8. Another idea raised was to have a resource list for our cooperative of people willing to share their particular expertise or experience with others. Also, the Advisory Council co-chairs are willing to go to small libraries in the League who need assistance and who cannot seem to get away for meetings and trainings.
9. Whenever people want to get together and share ideas, the AC co-chairs and the MMLL director are willing and able to assist with information and coordination. There was recently a Group 8 and 9 meeting held, organized by Jeanette Fleury (Group 9 rep) and Chris Cook (Group 8 rep). This group will meet again in the spring. Mary Edens (Group 1 rep) shares information with her group members regularly after Board meetings, and those libraries also meet with the Antrim-Kalkaska group as well. Other groups are encouraged to get together, and Sheryl can assist with coordination.