

PLD Executive Board Meeting Minutes 2.11.19

PLD Executive Board Members present:

Angie Petrie, Jill Smith, Julia Carlis, Maggie James, Megan Krueger, Jessica Zillhart

1. PLD Day

- a. Menu – Angie emailed the menu options to the PLD Board to look over. We decided to go with the same option as last year since it was well-received (Pacific Highway Lunch).
- b. Breakouts – Angie said she'd like to accept the breakout submissions we have received so far: State Law Library's updated Lawhelpmn.org website, Anoka County Library talking about art community partnership, and SPPL talking about going fine-free.
 - i. Other breakout topic idea from Angie – readers advisory for all ages; she reached out to Tasha Nins of SPPL to present on this topic.
 - ii. Julia contacted Renee Dougherty about doing a breakout on disability but has not heard back yet, so Julia will contact her again, or to see if Renee can recommend someone for a breakout.
 - iii. We need to confirm breakouts before online registration, so we can see which room to have each breakout session in.
 - iv. Angie also talked about doing a breakout in regard to what happened at ALA Midwinter. Jill recommended making it a session for everyone to attend (not a breakout) since it's so important. Julia suggested having an interactive activity where attendees share their thoughts on this topic on post-it notes that are put on the walls for attendees to see. MLA President Kirsten Clark said she'd be happy to facilitate a discussion about this as well.
- c. Fee – Angie said Renee had asked about the member fee vs. non-member fee, and how the member fee could potentially be a barrier to people paying out of pocket.
 - i. We could keep the fee the same as 2018 (\$50 & \$70). Around 5 people paid the non-member rate for PLD Day last year.
 - ii. MLA contributes some money (\$200) towards PLD Day; Angie said we could request more money from MLA if we need to.
 - iii. Angie suggested lowering the non-member fee to \$60.
- d. Networking/icebreaker content – Julia suggested doing a fun activity with Legos to play with on the tables, or having a bingo sheet where you interact with other attendees and points of commonality & difference (Dakota County does an activity like this at their all-staff day).

2. Facebook

- a. Board member bios – Angie asked new board members to write bios for the PLD Facebook page, which would keep us visible and could help connect with PLD members (especially those outside the metro).
- b. Posting to keep content fresh – we will post on the page more frequently to engage and connect with PLD members.

3. MLA PLD page

- a. Updated page – Angie got the PLD page on the MLA website updated with new board member names.
- b. Angie asked everyone to check the PLD page to make sure board member names, job titles, etc. are correct.

4. ALA Midwinter

- a. American Library Association criticized for response to racism complaint – ALA is accused of trying to silence an African American librarian who complained about hostile comments directed at her during the association’s midwinter meeting.
- b. Our response – Angie is talking to Hannah Buckland (ALA Chapter Councilor) about updating MLA’s Code of Conduct. We would also like to do a breakout or session on this topic at PLD Day.