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.