PLD Executive Board Meeting Minutes 4.8.19

PLD Executive Board Members present:
Angie Petrie, Jill Smith, Julia Carlis, Maggie James, Megan Krueger, Jessica Zillhart

Agenda

I. PLD Day: Setup
   a. We officially have the rooms reserved starting at 7:00 am, and PLD Day starts at 9:00 am. So, the PLD Board should be at the hotel by around 8-8:30 am in case we need to troubleshoot anything.
   b. Jill will bring a mobile projector. The rooms are not equipped for tech, so we will also need a screen. The readers’ advisory and arts session rooms seem to be the biggest rooms; the other rooms accommodate about 20 people.
   c. Each table will have the name of a different Muppet for table assignments (instead of the dinosaurs from last year).
   d. The food has been finalized, but Angie wants to add more protein to the breakfast so it’s not as carb-heavy.
   e. A person from Emporia State University in Kansas is coming to PLD Day and will have a table set up, and Chris Moore from Mental Health Minnesota will also have a table. Chris would like to offer a free webinar about mental health and libraries at some point after PLD Day.

II. PLD Day: Activities
   a. Post-It Questions: should we narrow it down or keep it a broader discussion about racism?
      i. The post-it activity is a way to frame the afternoon discussion and allow attendees to share their thoughts without having to talk in front of the whole group, and to gauge awareness and knowledge about racism.
      ii. Another idea is to have a slip of paper included with each program that says what the activity is about (as well as extra post-its); Julia volunteered to create this.
      iii. Another question to add to post-its activity: What can public libraries do to be more open and inclusive to all?
      iv. Julia will find links to additional resources on microaggressions to share as further information for the post-it activity. Jill has post-its she will bring, and Julia will bring dots.
   b. For the mixer/networking activity, Julia came up with five questions that attendees will answer using yarn and PVC pipe.
c. Angie will bring some items for people to use as fidget things, like pipe-cleaners. Jill will bring mints and other candy.

III. PLD Day: Miscellaneous
   a. Dara from Management HQ will be our contact during PLD Day in case there are any hotel issues.
   b. Angie will send us her phone number in case anyone needs to contact her.
   c. The final program was sent to Mackenzie today (4/8/19). We have two additional sponsors as well.
   d. Julia mentioned that MILE is still looking for mentors, so she asked if we could do a plug at PLD Day to let people know.