

MAPLA

Minutes of October 14 & 15, 1999 Meeting

1. A MAPLA business meeting was held.

The Treasurer's Report was approved.

The minutes of the July 15, 1999, meeting were approved.

Jean DelSordo moved and Doris Goodlett seconded that a \$300 donation be made to the Maryland Library Association for the Legislative Reception to be held in January, 2000. All in favor.

2. Mary Chute and Lynn Lockwood reported on the Benton Foundation Report. They distributed copies of their presentation as well as the article "Public Images of the Role of Information Technology in Public Libraries, Alternatives and Controversies", by Douglas Raber and John M. Budd. This article was in Public Libraries in May/June 1999.

3. Gail Griffith facilitated a MAPLA visioning session. The MAPLA covenant was revised.

4. Scott Reinhart previewed the MAPLA web page. Beth Pelle, and Stacey Aldrich helped Scott with this project. The home page is www.maplaonline.org. Information for the page is to be sent via e-mail at mapla@maplaonline.org. All agreed to "go live" with the page.

5. Libraries shared recent accomplishments.

6. Sharan Marshall announced some tentative dates for MAPLA meetings in 2000.

Winter will be January 27 or the first week in February.

Spring will be in Rocky Gap on April 27 and 28.

Summer will be July 27.

Fall will be in Ocean City, tentatively October 19 and 20.

7. Lillie Dyson reminded everyone of the November 6 Annual Trustees meeting and encouraged 100% county participation. Cass Taylor will be the speaker.

8. Maurice Travillian recommended librarians attend MACO in August. The Gates Library Foundation is funding hardware in libraries according to a priority list. Maryland is number 37 to be funded. The Foundation is also funding hardware for cities that serve over 300,000 population with over 10% poverty. The Maryland General Assembly may look at filtering next year. Maurice asked that all counties fax their acceptable use policies to him. The Bertot/McClure study on electronic statistics is still in the works. A national standard is not possible. They will report at midwinter.

9. Susan Paznekas reported on LSTA. A focus group was held with the libraries that completed long range planning and results were distributed.

10. Stephanie Shauck reported that new homework project information is being sent out. There is a new reading specialist at MSDE. Stephanie will be speaking at a reading conference about literature as the basis for reading.

11. Stacey Aldrich reported on the e-book conference. The focus is on all tuypes of devices, such as oeb, drm, glass book, and ebx. Stacey received 716 responses on the training survey. She found that 97% have a pc at work to do training. On-line courses are being developed at this time.

12. Michael Osborne reported on his attendance at MACO and distributed “rocks” to all (enlightenment at your Maryland Public Library). He asked that all counties send their technology plans to him as soon as possible.

13. Pat Wallace reported on Ariel, Marina, and the High Speed Network in Maryland. The directors expressed a need for a one page fact sheet on the high speed network in relation to public libraries.

14. Christy Wright reported on the new ISP. Each county has forms to fill out indicating their need for addresses. These forms are due back to Larry as soon as possible.

15. Jean Johnson distributed a retirement survey that she would like back by November 1.

16. Scott will design MAPLA stationery and BCPL will print.

17. Maurice reported on state capital funding. Capital funding of library buildings can be in a bond bill. Those interested in serving on a committee to study this issue contact Sharan Marshall by the end of the month. The Maryland Advisory Council on Libraries is also looking at this issue.

18. Mary Chute reported on the marketing plan. A consultant is being hired to implement the plan that focuses on children from birth to age four, their parents and caregivers.

19. The summer reading program was very successful. DLDS supported printing of materials. BCPL will coordinate this effort for next summer.

20. Kathleen Reif reported on Birth to Four. NIH has been researching how people learn to read. Dr. Reed Lion of NIH has an interest in partnering with public libraries. Visit the site www.nationalreadingpanel.org for information on the National Reading Panel.

Respectfully submitted,

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