

MLA Legislative Committee Meeting

October 31, 2014

Minuteman Library Network, Natick

Agenda

MBLC report

Diane Carty presented a very preliminary draft of the legislative agenda. Did a trial run at the Boston Book Festival. There will be significant changes. Diane is working on a three year plan, as suggested by Rep. Hogan.

MLS report

Greg's notes on "legislative know how" workshops attached to last meeting's minutes

- looking for statewide and local speakers

- would like to promote at Legislative Breakfasts

- will use MLS registration site for people to sign up

- will take place January-May, culminating with MLA conference

Annual meeting is Monday, Nov. 3 at Holy Cross

Received a letter of intent from Town of Deerfield to buy Whately building

231 libraries have committed to join eBook project

Carolyn Noah's retirement party will be on Dec. 15 at 3:30pm at MLS headquarters in Marlborough

MSLA report

Rep. Garballey from Arlington plans to convene the first meeting of the commission to study the status of school libraries after the election.

Kathy was asked about the layoff of Valerie Diggs from the Chelmsford Public Schools due to a severe budget shortfall resulting from incorrect practices of the district business manager. There is a "Support Val Diggs Facebook page. MLA will write letters to the Chelmsford School Committee and Superintendent.

Legislative Breakfasts

No fall breakfast in northeast

Plans for breakfasts so far: Berkshire and Worcester. None have been posted yet on the MLA web page. Dates should be sent to Sarah Hagan, MLA Executive Manager

Tool kit on website

MA Municipal Assoc. breakfasts in October

Legislative Day

Issues with booking March dates. All of March is booked. Now trying for April 1.

Other activities or models? Ways and Means Days (don't always want people to speak, but anyone can attend and submit testimony). These are done throughout the state. MBLC attends only one of them. They are held in January/February. This could be an alternative, or in addition to Legislative Day.

Advocacy Award nominee - Susan asked Cindy Roach for ideas. Jackie suggested John Hines, Hadley

Selectman (quoted in draft Legislative Agenda). If not on Legislative Day, the award could be given at the ML A conference in May, in a separate ceremony at the State Library, or at a Library Caucus meeting.

Conference Program - Legislative Know How

Panel with Leg. Com., chaired by Sharon Shaloo

Old Business:

Additional meeting has been added for March 13 at MLN in Natick at 1pm. Beverly will order pizza.

May 29 meeting will also be at MLN

Leg. Com. minutes to be archived

Capwiz changes - Moving the something called Engage, but waiting for ALA to set up basic site