

Minutes - Public Library Section-NCLA

February 19, 2021

Virtual Meeting

Present: Sandra Lovely, Marian Lytle, Jeffrey Hamilton, Carrie Lee, April Lewellyn, Morgan Paty, Lindsey Shuford, Rachel Webb, Joan Sherif

Sandra Lovely, Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. She introduced April Lewellyn from the Mooresville Public Library.

A motion was made by Marian and seconded by Morgan to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Executive Board Minutes

Sandra said that the NCLP conference will be hybrid with most of it virtual (Oct. 18-22). Payment to the Benton Convention is still under discussion.

Director's Report

None at this time.

Program Planning

Sandra said that information has been sent out about program planning. PLS and YSS are guaranteed two program slots. Several program suggestions including HR and wellness were discussed. A marketing panel was discussed as well as one on adapting services/changing expectations post-pandemic. Other topics included online book clubs, author talk, circulation, digital resources, and genealogy (including some presenters from Fabulous Friday).

April is interested in the Marketing/Program Committee.

Sandra said that the PLS budget is healthy.

Sessions will be pre-recorded. The pre-conference will be live.

Several authors were discussed, and there was a consensus that diversity is important. Carrie Lee mentioned Etaf Rum who had presented at her library. Sandra will check with the LGBTQ Committee at the Durham library for other suggestions. Contacting REMCO was discussed. A panel is a possibility. Lindsey suggested Patrice Gopo from Charlotte.

Sandra suggested a program on the emotional toll on staff during the pandemic. Several emergency relief resources were mentioned.

Committee Report

The Marketing/Customer Service Committee was discussed which will help make PLS more visible. Fabulous Friday(s) has been popular, and it would be beneficial to be more visible throughout the year. It was suggested to ask the membership for suggestions. April said that she would be chair, and other members will be invited.

Rachel said that she would create a recruitment email.

Rachel said that she is updating the website including committee members.

Carrie said that the Adult Services Committee met last pre-pandemic. New members are needed.

State Report

Jeffrey said that the deadline for LSTA grants is March 1. There is a new website for the State Library. Tanya Prokrym, head of Library Development, will retire at the end of February.

The next meeting will be March 19, 2021 at 10:00 am.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Sherif, Secretary