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 MLA 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

Meeting adjourned at 12pm

Respectfully submitted
Kathy Lowe