

PLD Annual Meeting Minutes  
September 29, 2016

Present: Officers and 50+ PLD members

Submitted by Secretary Sarah Ethier (who apologizes if she messed up names/details. Email corrections to [sethier@scottlib.org](mailto:sethier@scottlib.org))

- Welcome (Frances Veit, Chair and Stacey Hendren, Chair-Elect)
- Agenda approval (Ann motioned, Stacy Lienemann seconded)
- Officers introduction:
  - Frances Veit, Chair
  - Stacey Hendren, Chair-Elect
  - Sarah Ethier, Secretary
  - Stacy Lienemann, Member-at-large
  - Jen Reichert-Simpson, Member-at-large
- PLD Day overview:
  - Second time it was a day-long event in the spring
  - Held in Stillwater on May 4, 2016
  - Had a variety of speakers, including Valerie Horton, director of Minitex, Minerva Munoz, director of TRiO at the University of MN, and Gwen Westberg, lead visual merchandiser for Patina stores.
- 2016 Budget:
  - Had sponsors for PLD Day, so still have \$200 from MLA in the budget
    - Can be used for marketing, promotions, etc
- Facebook Page:
  - Currently being used to promote Minnesota libraries, library professionals, and professional development-related topics
  - Please “Like” us and let us know if there’s something you think should be posted on the page!
- Bylaw changes proposed (Stacey Hendren):
  - Current bylaws have no dates, just a handwritten “need updating” note from 2013

- Board looked at MLA and ARLD bylaws, and current PLD bylaws and made changes that more accurately reflect what PLD is doing
- Emailed changes out to all members
- Changes include change in officer names:
  - Chairperson becomes Chair
  - Vice-chairperson becomes Chair-Elect
  - Addition of a Past-Chair
  - Director-at-large changed to Member-at-large
- Changes also include how to handle losing an Officer before the end of his/her term
- Motion to approve: Julia Carlis, second by Brian Lind, Approved by all
- Executive Committee:
  - Open positions coming up:
    - Chair-Elect – 3 year commitment
    - Secretary
    - Member-at-large
- Sharing Session:
  - Shelly Grace, SAMMIE
    - MILE 2017 is now accepting applications for participants and mentors
  - Julia Carlis Dakota County
    - Storytime-palooza at Dakota County has been a big success!
  - Stacey Hendren, Anoka County
    - Storytime-Share at Anoka County is very popular
  - Mary Wussow, Dakota County
    - Westcott Branch recently opened a Makerspace and has already had 500+ hours of reservations
  - Barb Svoboda, Dakota County
    - Farmington held a series called “Religion and Faith in our Community” with representatives from the Jewish, Muslim and Christian faiths
    - 3 consecutive sessions on how faith affects life
    - Very popular
    - Already planning the next series for spring 2017, and they will include the Native American, Buddhist, and Muslims faiths
  - Delane James, Faribault
    - James Bowie, an artist at Winona State University, created a multimedia and portrait exhibit called “When Home Won’t Let

You Stay”, which included 20 portraits of refugees in Minnesota

- Library hosted a special session that brought the community and refugees together, and over 60 people attended the conversation
  
- Rochester Public
  - Vote for banned books at library
  - After casting ballot, participants saw a screen telling them that the library supports everyone’s right to read
  - Got lots of phone calls and media attention
  
- Carla Powers, Duluth Public
  - Library hatched chickens this summer
  - IT Dept even created a chicken cam so people could watch from home
  - When the chicks began hatching, youth services had all different groups of people watching together and everyone clapped when they emerged
  
- Monica Stratton, CYP Chair and Ramsey County
  - Shoreview Branch will open a new building on January 28, 2017!
  
- Stacy Lienemann, Waseca
  - Held a Romp and Ride at TdS
  - Created a 100 Best Books for early literacy program and literacy cards
  - Flooding in Waseca destroyed the public computers and copier, but the building was only closed for 1 day until loan equipment could be brought in
  
- Kathy Bognanni, Carver County
  - Victoria Branch has opened and is first Carver branch to have a technology person working all the hours the library is open
  - Able to do joint programs between technology staff and library staff, including kids and teens programs
  
- Amanda Steinke, Blue Earth
  - Started a monthly writing group for NaNoWriMo and a young writers group