



Minutes

Attendees

Kay Strahan (UTHSC, President), Carl Hess (U of M, Secretary), Hilary Jasmin (UTHSC, Treasurer), Deborah Babb (CBU), Kay Cunningham (CBU), Tiffany Day (CBU), Mark Duncan (CBU), Jessica Holland (Harding School of Theology), Wang-Ying Glasgow (MPL), Jennifer Langford (UTHSC), Jenessa McElfresh (UTHSC), Tamara nelson (UTHSC), Bess Robinson (U of M), Zach Sandberg (Memphis University School), Kelly Stormking (St. Jude Biomedical Library), Wendy Trenthem (Memphis University School), Lin Wu (UTHSC)

Welcome and Introductions

Kay Strahan welcomed the group and began introductions.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the September meeting were moved by Jennifer Langford for approval (Bess Robinson seconded). The minutes were approved without revision.

Announcements

- Kay Strahan shared a [write up](#) of MALC member and LeMoyne-Owen College Library Director Stacey Smith from the University of Tennessee Knoxville School of Information Sciences.
- Wang-Ying Glasgow shared that Memphis Public Library is now offering hybrid and in-person programming. Decisions about what format to provide programming in is left up to branches, and Memphis Public is working closely with the City of Memphis and the Shelby County Health Department.

Old Business

- Little Free Library Update (Jennifer Langford)
 - Bryan Massey is continuing to supply books for the library.
 - Books continue to go out about as quickly as they come in.

- MALC Social Media Handles (Kay Strahan)
 - The [list of handles](#) is available online.
 - Use the list to follow other Memphis libraries and identify practices that other libraries are using on social media.
 - You can still use [the survey](#) to add your library's handles.
- Collecting Reopening Statuses (Kay Strahan)
 - The [updated list](#) of responses is available online.
 - Libraries can still send in updates using the [new form](#).
 - A quick discussion indicated most present expect their institutions to keep their current policies in spite of the Omicron variant.

New Business

- Social Committee Survey Report (Carl Hess on behalf of Michael Harris)
 - There were 29 responses to the survey.
 - Approximately 70% of respondents indicated they were not comfortable with meeting in person without preventative measures such as meeting outside, social distancing, and masking.
 - Those who were not comfortable want benchmarks related to lower transmissions and higher vaccinations rates to be hit.
 - All respondents were positive towards the proposed online social events, which the Social Committee will begin to plan. Anyone who would like to join the planning can email Michael at mwharris2@memphis.edu.

Guest Speakers

- Rory Thomas, President, and Haley Gentner, Program Associate, both from the Memphis Medical District Collaborative (MMDC), presented on the work MMDC is doing in the Medical District.
- They briefly discussed the history of the MMDC, their anchor institutions and partners, and then discussed work they provide for the Medical District around real estate programs, anchor institution programs, and place-based programs. These included leveraging \$545 million in private real estate investment, a clean and safe streets ambassador program, a quality public spaces team, community and economic development services for new and existing businesses, housing incentives for employees of anchor institutions, and a hire local program for existing residents to find work at the anchor institutions. In all MDCC has provided \$15.8 million in direct investments in their first 5 years.
- Those interested can check out their website at mdcollaborative.org. Their 2022 [calendar of events](#) is currently being finalized. You can keep up with MMDC through their [bi-monthly newsletter](#) or through [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).

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December 9, 2021, 11:30 AM – 1 PM
Virtual

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 PM. The next meeting will be in January on Zoom.
Keep an eye on your inbox!

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Hess, MALC Secretary