

MLTA Minutes - April 9, 2024

Present: Karen Traub, Julia O'Keefe, Ruth Sullivan, Rob Favini, Allison Sloan

Absent: Ann Conant

GREETINGS/ROLL CALL

Called to order: 11:32am

REPORTS

- Minutes March 2024, (online)
- Treasurer's Report, (Julia Kane O'Keefe)

UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MBLC; lots of hiring, library advisory specialist may be announced tomorrow (start May 20). New director hiring announcement will be going out soon, interviews will be conducted soon for finalist candidates

Legislative breakfast season has wrapped up. Soft budget season, revenues are down but not historically so. The Governor's budget will be released soon to go through the house and the senate (released tomorrow).

OLD BUSINESS

Plans for 2024

- o MLA Annual Conference support. May 6-7, 2024. Sheraton Framingham. Theme: *Heart of the Community*. Report distributed, (Allison Sloan) Vote on contribution to MLA

They have changed sponsorship rates, \$700 is now Gold and does not allow us to introduce the program, they would reduce the \$1250 fee to \$900 to let us go to the next tier

In the future should we present a workshop at MLA?
Perhaps a repeat of our program in October

Group decided to sponsor at \$700 level for the May 7th program "Building community to combat disinformation", Alison will notify MLA

- o MLTA Annual Conference 2024.
- Potential dates for Conference; Oct 19th was selected
- Themes/Speakers. Discussion; Panel of trustees, case studies, trustees relationships with directors/staff, gold medal nominated libraries

ADJOURNMENT: 12:26pm

Proposed Next Meeting Tuesday May 14 @11 AM (note adjusted time)