MASSACHUSETTS LIBRARY TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

AGENDA

May 23, 2023

Greetings

Roll call: Ruth, Julia, Ann. Also present: Nancy Rea, Maura Deedy

Reports

- Minutes (online)
- Treasurer's Report (Julia) *TD Bank down in AM. Treasurers report delayed*
- Membership (Ann) *+$20. New individual membership*

Updates & Announcements

MBLC update: *Budget waiting for Senate to finalize. Public Library construction program letters went out. Seeking $150M under new regulations. New structure for Small/Medium/Large libraries. MBLC holding a Trustees training after MLTA Annual Conference (October)*

OLD BUSINESS

Website Update *Quick review of website. Many thanks to Jessica for her work on this.*

Annual Conference October 21, 2023. *25 minutes*

A. Preliminary themes based on MLA sessions:
1. Book Banning
2. Privacy Issues
3. Library Programming
4. OTHERS *Recent First Amendment Audit "movement"*

Discussion of the various themes. Support for the idea of being prepared for a variety of possible scenarios (planning) but knowing when you've done enough (joy/confidence). Possible title: Finding Joy in Tumultuous Times.

B. Identifying a speaker based on Theme *Next step finding a speaker. Recommendation to identify an Organizational Psychologist as potential speaker*

C. Guest Author *Discussion of possible authors willing to present.*

D. Trustee of the Year. *Ruth will send copy about Trustee of the Year for Maura to put on Trustees listserv*

1. Nomination forms (online)
2. Message on MBLC Trustee Forum
3. Other considerations

E. Afternoon Session MBLC already discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Next meeting: Proposed June 20 11:00AM virtual.

Maura not available. Zoom link invitation will come from Ruth (?)