Memphis Area Library Council
September 23, 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Virtual

Minutes

Attendees

Kay Strahan (UTHSC, President), Felicia Knox (Rhodes, Vice-President / President-Elect), Carl Hess (UofM, Secretary), Hilary Jasmin (UTHSC, Treasurer), Blake Beals (UofM Law), Darlene Brooks (Rhodes), Karen Brunsting (UofM), C Brooke Caldwell (Southern College of Optometry), Kay Cunningham (CBU), Tiffany Day (CBU), Sylverna Ford (UofM), Wang-Ying Glasgow (Memphis Public Library), Michael Harris (UofM), Jessica Holland (Harding School of Theology), Leslie Holland (Southern College of Optometry), Jenessa McElfresh (UTHSC), Tamara Nelson (UTHSC), Wendy Trenthem (Memphis University School), Bess Robinson (UofM), Tina Rogers (Harding School of Theology), Stacey Smith (LeMoyne-Owen), Kelly Stormking (St. Jude Children's Research Hospital), RaShauna Wright (Rhodes), Lin Wu (UTHSC)

Welcome and Introductions

President Kay Strahan welcomed the group and began introductions.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the March 24 meeting were moved by Michael Harris for approval (Felicia Knox seconded). The minutes were approved without revision.

Announcements

- The Memphis Public Library's summer reading program, Explore Memphis, won was honored with a New York Life Foundation's Excellence in Summer Learning Award. See the announcement online.
- The UofM Law Library is now open to the public via a request form.
- Proposals are now being accepted for TLA 2022. Submit by October 15.
- Everyone is encouraged to suggest guest speaker ideas for future MALC meetings. Speakers can be library or Memphis focused.

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- Social Committee (Michael Harris)
    - The two attempted socials in the spring were rained out.
    - Between the summer hiatus and the Delta variant, no new socials have been scheduled.
    - The committee is open to any ideas for building MALC comradery. Email Michael if you have ideas or want to join the committee.
- MALC Social Media Handles (Kay Strahan)
    - MALC is continuing to collect social media handles.
- Little Free Library (Kay Strahan)
    - Bryan Massey continues to supply books through the Friends of the Memphis Public Library.
    - Any donations are appreciated.
- Misinformation Panel (Kay Strahan)
    - There was a discussion of interest towards holding a panel on misinformation and attendees' interests in tackling misinformation as librarians.
    - No decision was made on holding a panel.

New Business

- Presentation of Awards (Sylverna Ford)
    - Awards have been reformulated this year.
    - Classic Award winner: Kenan Padgett, Interlibrary Loan/Information Services Librarian at Rhodes College
    - Legacy Award winner: Stacey Smith, Director of Library and Information Service at LeMoyne-Owen College
    - Physical awards will be presented at a later date.
    - Thanks to all of the Awards Committee.
- Collecting Reopening Statuses (Kay Strahan)
    - MALC is collection fall reopening statuses using a new form.
    - The form will stay open as long as needed, and periodic reminders will be sent out.

Guest Speaker (Carey Moore, CEO of My Cup of Tea)

- Carey Moore discussed My Cup of Tea in Orange Mound. My Cup of Tea is a ministry-focused business that hires and supports women in the Orange Mound neighborhood. Many of their 15 employees are given space through the shop to engage in their own entrepreneurship, and the shop offers classes and works as a support network for the women. Tea sales are not able to support all the staff, so donations and grants cover the rest.

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- Teas and other items are available on the My Cup of Tea website and at their store at 3028 Carnes.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Hess, MALC Secretary