After Conference Debriefing

Park Lanes

6/9/2016

**Attendance:** Rebecca Freeman, Valerie Freeman, LaJuan Pringle, Doug Short, Tracy Prizzi, Rae Lovvorn, Jo Henry, and Betty Thomas.

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* Jo said we should be in the black for the conference.
* Cal was complementary about MLA and made comments about promoting the organization.
* Harris Campus location has lots of benefits like parking, space, accessibility…
* Stress balls: enjoyed, colorful
* Assembling bags early in the morning was fine with people.
* Good to have Jason to escort poster people and help set up.
* Check-in was fluid.
* It was good to have food in a separate area so people could check-in and then move on to food.
* There seem to be a lot of new people in attendance.
* Denise Jones comment, “One of the best one day conferences. Well put together.”
* Richard’s email to directors was effective in increasing registrations.
* Best yet attendance by public librarians. Possible reasons: 1. Cal as speaker. 2. Singleton presenting. 3. 3 presentations by public librarians.
* Better balance of academic and public librarians.
* Even though there was some sort of crisis at Georgia Public Library, the panel made a substitution and carried on. We appreciated not having a cancelation.
* Timing of the day went well.
* Posters before lunch was a good idea. The poster people appreciated having time to eat too.
* Good we had Cal as our keynote speaker and not someone from outside the state who might have cancelled because of HB2.

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* Tracy recommended Susan Brown, Chapel Hill Public Library as keynote speaker next year.
* In future, we need an Assistant Treasurer just to help with conference stuff besides Treasurer.
* Alarm kept going off and someone had to come and shut it off. Annoying.
* CPCC scheduling makes the conference unavailable for school librarians.
* Log-in administration issue – different people have to login as administrator for registration.
* A couple people went next door to get coffee at lunch time. Maybe have coffee available in afternoon.
* Approach Spoonflower (cloth posters) as sponsor next year.

**Other comments**

* OMB was really good for December luncheon. Other places mentioned: Heist, Waldhorn, Birdsong, NODA, Blue Blaze… we should keep trying beer places for December luncheon.
* Field Trip in the fall to UNCC’s library.
* No board meetings in June and July. Next meeting in August.