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CMCLLD Quarterly Meeting, 10/22/2018, at the Montgomery County Circuit Court

Meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by Kate Martin, Chair.

Attendees included: Anne Arundel County Public Law Library Director Joanie Bellistri; Baltimore County Circuit Court Law Library Director Stephanie Levasseur; Carroll County Circuit Court Law Librarian Florence Barnes; Charles County Public Law Library Director Mary Jo Lazun; Howard County Circuit Court Law Library Director Sandy Brewer; Md State Law Library Deputy Director James Durham; Catherine McGuire, Head of Reference and Outreach, Md State Law Library; and Lonni Kyhos Summers, Esq., Access to Justice Department, Administrative Office of the Courts.

Guest Speakers present were Dave Pantzer, Director of Education, Outreach and Technology, Pro Bono Resource Center; and Ashley Biggs, of the Maryland State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

Kate Martin, Chair, Montgomery County Circuit Court Law Library welcomed everyone.

Judy Rupp, Montgomery County's Circuit Court Administrator, also welcomed everyone. She shared with the group that their Law Library is thriving, welcoming, facilitates the activities of their court, is an extension of their Family Law Administration office, the pride of their court, and have innovative and extraordinary staff here. She wished everyone well today.

Opportunities for Collaboration – Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland

Guest Speaker Dave Pantzer, Director of Education, Outreach and Technology at the Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland began his presentation by stating that the PBRC is a statewide clearing house for attorneys, is the Pro Bono arm of the MSBA and gave the group an overview of the services they provide. The PBRC also manages the Md Partners for Justice Conference which will be held on May 23, 2019, and reminded the group that the deadline to submit proposals for panel topics for the 2019 conference is Friday, November 2, 2018. He presented a slideshow to the group entitled: Legal Help for those who cannot afford Traditional Legal Representation and provided the group with three handouts and discussion regarding: 1) Types of clinics offered by the PBRC; 2) PBRC Lunch and Learn training set for 10/26/18; and 3) ABA Free Legal Answers Guide for Hosting a Virtual Service Project. Mr. Pantzer

concluded with speaking about how Law Libraries and the PBRC can partner together to provide Library events for attorneys such as hosting a Md Free Legal Answers virtual service project or hosting a viewing of PBRC trainings for attorneys where attorneys can sign up for a web cast and the Law Library can host an event where the training session can be played for a group of attorneys in a Law Library conference room. He asked that we contact him if we are interested in organizing any such events at our Law Library. He also stated that Law Librarians can sign up for trainings that are offered by the PBRC on their website.

Making our Libraries More Welcoming and Accessible to the Differently Able

Guest Speaker Ashley Biggs from the Maryland State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped spoke to the group. The Maryland State LBPH provides free accessible reading material to the entire State of Maryland via audio and braille books and she demonstrated an audio book player and braille reading material to the group. Ms. Biggs provided a handout entitled: Library Accessibility Best Practices from the Maryland State Library LBPH. She discussed the handout regarding understanding disability, etiquette for all, hearing impairment, vision impairment, mobility impairment, Libraries4All Good Practices for physical space and technology, hearing assistance, mobility assistance, and resources for additional information including etiquette and training tools, myths about disabilities, assistive technology, ADA laws and libraries, and website accessibility.

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Maryland Partners for Justice Conference – Submitting a proposal by CMCLLD

Deadline to submit proposal for 2019 Md Partners for Justice Conference is November 2, 2018. The CMCLLD will be submitting two (2) proposals: 1.) Mary Jo Lazun volunteered to draft a proposal on How to Help SRLs with Traffic Court; 2) Kate Martin volunteered to draft a proposal on Mutual Consent Divorce.

Statistics and the Self-Represented Litigant Annual Report

Joan Bellistri reported that MDEC statistics have been added to the same page as the monthly statistics, would like our monthly statistics regularly submitted to her and reminded the group that she would like them no later than the 15th of each month.

News of Committees and Groups

Joanie Bellistri shared news from the Self Represented Litigant Committee stating that the Annual Report will contain three things from the CMCLLD: Promotion of Court Libraries, Building partnerships between Law Libraries and Public Libraries, and Coordination with Law Libraries and Self-Help Centers. She also stated that there are new self-help videos for SRLs.

Joanie Bellistri shared news from the Court Access and Community Relations Committee about the new edition of the *Journalist's Guide* which will be available online after November 2018.

Lonni Kyhos Summers shared news from the Access to Justice Department in that she is working on the SRL Report and that the expansion of Self-Help Centers to all civil is ongoing and she will keep us informed.

Round Robin: News of Conference Libraries

Kate Martin – Working on Marital Settlement Agreement trifold which includes alimony and children. Distributed new trifold to the group entitled “Legal Help in Montgomery County.” Said new security gates installed but having some issues with the numbers it is recording, looking into that.

Catherine McGuire – Recording high statistics consistently; email requests are increasing.

Housekeeping & Closing Remarks

Kate Martin, CMCLLD Chair – Next CMCLLD in-person Annual meeting will take place at the Judicial College Education and Conference Center in Annapolis in December 2018. Kate will be getting dates from the group and then securing a date with the JCECC; if no room available at the JCECC, Catherine offered to host the meeting at the Md State Law Library. The CMCLLD January/February in-person meeting will take place at the Carroll County Circuit Court; dates for same to be forthcoming. Please send suggestions for potential guest speakers for both of these meetings to Kate via email.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.