



**YALS Meeting
November 16th, 2023
Virtual- Zoom**

1. **Call to order- Maryjo called to order 10:07**
2. **Attendance-** Kim Baker- Howe Library, Krista Bordeleau- Pelham Public Library, Chandra Boudreau- Exeter Public Library, Stacey Desrosiers- Goffstown Public Library, Jenny Devost- Merrimack Public Library, Kat Gatcomb- Nashua Public Library, Nicole Gauvreau- Pease Public Library. Ashlee Lykansion- Nashua Public Library, Nicole Rheaume- Lebanon Public Libraries, Maryjo Siergieje-Newmarket Library, Jeanne Snowdon- Wolfeboro Public Library
3. **Location & Date of next meeting**
 - a. The next meeting will be January 25 at 10am virtually.
 - i. Will be added to the website.
4. **Approval of September minutes**
 - a. Nicole Gauvreau motioned to approve September minutes.
 - b. Chandra Boudreau seconded the motion.
 - c. Motion passed.
5. **President's Report- Maryjo Siergieje**
 - a. Thank you to everyone who attended the Sept. conference! Nicole and her committee did great. It was the BEST! Aiden was a delight. :) Best author experience ever!
 - b. Krista Bordeleau is our new Social Media Manager! Welcome!
 - c. Hold off sending binders to Maryjo until January.
 - d. We need to change the recovery email for YALSNHLA@gmail.com to President@nhlibrarians.org
 - i. Disable two-factor authentication for the Google account
 1. Justine will do this, as currently it goes to her.
6. **Vice President's Report- Nicole Gauvreau**
 - a. Aiden loved our conference and will come back anytime.
 - b. CLNH named her the YALS liaison, however we don't have a corresponding position in YALS. Do we want to create one?
 - i. CLNH's position is a non-voting board position

- ii. Do we create an appointed position? The person in this position needs to be both a CLNH member and YALS member and attend both meetings.
 - 1. Stacey may be able to do it, Nikki may as well.
 - a. Stacey will get back to us about taking the position.
 - iii. Pros: It is nice to know what is going on with other sections
 - 1. Nicole was able to give information to CLNH from our perspective.
 - 2. Nice to have a person who can go to both.
- 7. **Secretary's Report- Nikki Rheume**
 - a. Nothing to report
- 8. **Treasurer's Report- Stacey Desrosiers**
 - a. The activity for October includes a \$695 deposit for conference registration, \$5 for dues.
 - b. The remaining conference expenses (caterer and mileage reimbursement) totaled \$586.85
 - c. Leaving a balance of \$5582.18 in the YALS account.
 - d. Next meeting she will have a full breakdown of expenses and conference.
- 9. **Media Report- Krista Bordeleau**
 - a. Ashlee is not sure if Krista needs her own login and the training for the website
 - 1. According to Nicole, Krista needs to get own login for this.
 - a. Krista will reach out to Yvette and get the ball rolling.
 - 2. Krista has gotten into all socials except the website.
 - a. Maryjo, Nicole, and Krista are all admins on socials.
 - i. Krista is fine if they make announcements or changes if something comes up.
- 10. **Past-President- Justine Fafara**
 - a. We didn't do Teen Librarian of the year, but Justine will help tag team it next year with Maryjo and figure out a timeline for nominations, voting, etc.
- 11. **State Library Report- Deborah Dutcher**
 - a. Nothing to report.
- 12. **Teen Reads Awards Committee Report- Chandra Boudreau**
 - a. 48 books have been nominated so far.
 - b. The 1st official meeting is Monday November 20 at 3:30pm
- 13. **Old Business**
 - a. **Strategic Plan Update- Discuss Strategic plan updates**
 - i. Per Julia, the final report for the Strategic Plan was presented at the YALS 2022 conference. Here are the findings:
 - https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1h1eZ0ejrBGR-iKzHEPHsSIN1BGSITFKKozEowPYJEI/edit#slide=id.g157b8be8434_0_134
 - ii. The board should review the results and craft a plan for the future (need to pick a year range to focus on. Ex. 1-3 years or 5-10 years).
 - 1. Everyone will look at the strategic plan a little harder and come up with ideas for the next meeting.

14. New Business

a. CLNH Merger

- b. NHLA president has proposed CLNH-YALS merger given overlap in membership and difficulty finding members for both boards. Suggests co-chairs (one each for children's and teens)
 - i. Mindy Atwood approached Nicole to ask how things were going with both YALS and CLNH. Suggested merger with co-chairs for each position.
 - 1. Nicole mentioned that we had discussed before. Mindy suggested talking to someone about the possibilities of co-chairs. It was mentioned that ITS has co-chairs.
 - 2. CLNH briefly discussed a merger as well. CLNH has had issues filling positions and retention.
 - 3. Co-chairs will not solve the problem of filling vacancies on the board. Having a co-chair for each position would still require just as many people.
 - a. Not doing co-chairs for every position may help alleviate some of the impact
 - 4. Would a merger also mean having a combined conference or still maintaining two separate conferences.
 - 5. It was brought up that keeping YALS a separate section keeps the advocacy and focus solely on teen services
 - a. Teens need a place at the table, not at the bottom. It's never going to be equal if the two sections are merger
 - 6. There was discussion earlier of having a YALS/CLNH liaison.
 - a. If we created a liaison position, we could have a joint meeting, get it into bylaws and make it official.
 - b. Nicole will talk to the president of CLNH about a joint meeting.
 - 7. With schools joining NHLA, having two separate sections would allow school librarians to join either or both sections, depending on the students they serve.

c. NAMI Resources

- i. Deb Jurkoic from NAMI (who presented at our conference) asked if we have resources that address emotions at "various ages and stages" that she can add to her quarterly newsletter for parents and caregivers. Does anyone have a list or resource guide we can send her? She also offered to share our events in her newsletter.
- ii. Chandra through T3 has a whole unit that she can share with her.

- iii. Nicole has a list of mental health resource fir teens and adults and could go through the list and find the ones related to teens.
- iv. Krista has a section on her website for teens and mental help. Can send over a link.

d. GoToMeeting

- i. NHLA no longer has GoToMeeting.
- ii. This proves to be an issue for the Flume and Isinglass committee.
 - 1. While most meetings can be done via Google Meet, as they only go for about an hour, the time limit that Google caps a meeting at is 60 minutes.
 - a. This causes an issue for the long selection meeting that happens in March, that can easily go over an hour.
- iii. Could NHLA or YALS get an account so personal Zoom logins, etc are not to be used for meetings?
 - 1. Cost of Zoom license is \$150/year per user. Attached to 300 hours per meeting and 100 attendees
 - 2. In addition to the Flume/Isinglass meetings, this could be used for conferences and regular meetings.
 - 3. Currently personal or library logins are being used, which is problematic if no one person has access to those services.
 - 4. Maryjo will talk to NHLA to see what they are planning to do before the January meeting
 - 5. Stacey will research other platforms and prices before the January meeting.

15. Programs and Books to Share

- a. Nikki's D&D group got a writeup in The Valley News.
- b. Chandra did a bread tasting at the library. She plans to do pastry and cookie tasting in the future.
- c. Nicole had first their first tween advisory board meeting this week. They are called BREAD which stands for Book Reading Enthusiastic Advocacy Directors
- d. Stacey did a Thanksgiving Soup program
 - i. Traveling kitchens from the state library are available to reserve for programming.
- e. Krista does teen tastings of different snacks. She recently did a potato chip on and wrote to Lays and they sent over coupons.
 - i. Other food suggestions for tasting are Poptarts, fruit snacks and Oreos. This also includes comparing different brands.
 - 1. Leftovers could be left in staff rooms, given to teens to take home, or if it's sealed, kept for another program.
- f. Someone did a mothman plushie making program. They only had about 5 teens, but they loved it and apparently one of them was the kiddo of a board member so

their director heard about it too. (If anyone knows who this was please let me know, I got this information from the chat.

- i. This led us to talk about various other NH Cryptid programs and their popularity.
- g. Jeanne asked if we do registration for our programs
 - i. General consensus says no not really, because they either don't register and show up or they do register and don't show up.
 - ii. Stacey mixes it up. If she has to buy a lot of stuff she does registration, but has a lot of success with it. She also sends out reminder emails to those who register.
 - iii. Krista puts a disclaimer in the program description that there is only enough materials for a certain amount of people.
 - iv. Kim does ask teens to register for programs that just won't work if only a few people attend, such as a murder mystery party.
 - v. Ashlee does registration for outside presentors or program series.
- h. Maryjo proposed a Taylor Swift trivia night with prizes and a make your own friendship bracelets swap.
 - i. Ashlee did a Taylor Swift party for all ages. About 60 people came.
- i. Please send Stacey any good anime crafts or activities for her anime club.
- j. Should we restart up the teen resources folder?
 - i. General consensus is a big resounding yes.
 - ii. Google form for submissions may still be on the Google Drive.
 - iii. The list on the website is now out of date with broken links.
 - 1. Krista will update it.

16. Call to Adjourn- Maryjo called at 11:20