



YALS Meeting- virtual on GoToMeeting
January 26, 2023 10am

1. Call to order
 - a. MaryJo called the meeting to order at 10:03 am
2. Attendance
 - a. David Bridgewater-Stephenson Library, Sarah Collinge-Amherst Town Library, Molly DiPadova-Richards Free Library, Justine Fafara Past President- Richard Free Library, Nicole Gauvreau Vice President- Pease Public Library Amy Lemelin -Rochester Public Library, Ashlee Lykansion Media Chair- Nashua Public Library, Shane Phillips- Concord Public Library, Nicole Rheaume Secretary- Lebanon Public Libraries, Meg Roby- Concord Public Library, Brittany Shanahan- Hall Memorial Library, MaryJo Siergiejej President- Portsmouth and Newmarket Public Library
3. Location & date of next meeting
 - a. March 23rd at 10am on GoToMeeting and Newmarket PL.
 - i. MaryJo will check on physical location
4. Approval of November minutes
 - a. November minutes approved 10:14.
5. President's Report- MaryJo Siergiejej
 - a. Nothing to report.
6. Vice President's Report- Nicole Gauvreau
 - a. READS-to-Go coordinator had reached out to see about adding YA kits to the program.
7. Secretary's Report- Nikki Rheaume
 - a. Nothing to report.
8. Treasurer's Report- MaryJo Siergiejej for Stacey Desrosiers
 - a. As of 1/25/23 income deposit was \$95.11
 - i. \$20 conference reg
 - ii. \$75 dues
 - iii. \$0.11 interest
 - b. Dec 31 222 statement balance 6364.34
9. Media Report- Ashlee Lykansion

- a. Updated board contacts on website, board members, please confirm that the information is correct.
 - b. She has been hiding broken links on the website.
 - i. Is there a place to house this information somewhere else?
 - c. Is there a place where past winners have been?
 - i. Justine says it's on the brochure, and we can start a page from there.
10. State Library Report- Deborah Dutcher
- a. MaryJo will email her for details.
 - b. Nicole has CLNH notes—will forward when she gets them.
 - c. Deborah emailed her report to MaryJo. It reads as follows”

"I have submitted two proposals myself to NHLA—one on the Naturebrary program and another on NH Government. I would like everyone in YALS to know that there is 2 more spots open for the upcoming T3 Cohort that starts in March (see more about it <https://nhsl.libguides.com/c.php?g=1153259&p=8435229>)"
11. Teen Reads Awards Committee Report- MaryJo Siergiej for Jenny Devost
- a. Had to cancel a meeting this month—looking to reschedule in the future.
12. Old Business
- a. Strategic Plan update
 - i. Julia Lanter is spearheading this.
 - ii. We should email her to see if there is anything we can take over.
13. New Business
- a. Establishing a committee to help Vice-President plan the conference with the VP as the head of the committee.
 - i. Why should a committee be formed?
 1. More brains to work out kinks and come up with ideas!
 2. Planning a conference by yourself is a big undertaking.
 3. Have a sounding board to talk to others and give support.
 4. Things slip through the cracks.
 5. Having more brains will make a difference.
 6. Deadline for conference stuff happens right at the end of summer reading.
 - ii. There used to be a conference planning committee in old bylaws.
 - iii. Justine thinks a committee makes sense, especially for hybrid conferences.
 - iv. Nicole would appreciate it as the current VP.
 - v. Nicole will send out an email to YALS listserv
 - b. Should we have longer terms for President and Vice-President
 - i. Longer terms would improve effectiveness of president
 - ii. What this would look like.
 1. 2-3 year terms
 2. Year 1- Incoming Pres/VP in training with Past Pres/VP
 3. Year 2- Acting pres/VP
 4. Year 3- training new Pres/VP
 - iii. Cons

1. 3 years is already a big commitment
2. Even though there is a benefit, it is a long time to commit 5 years
- iv. Justine said there could be a lot more training between Past President and President.
- v. Work on what Past Pres responsibility is.
 1. Transition period between Sept-Jan
 2. Get more explicit about responsibilities for successors
- c. We need to redo binders.
 - i. The binders have not been updated since Julia was President.
 1. Where do the files live? Are they on Google Drive? Does Julia know?
 2. Passwords are all outdated to google drive etc.
 - a. Would a YALS password keeper be handy? One master password?
 - i. Nicole says it would be incredibly helpful as well as a master email address book.
 - b. Vote for Past President to redo binders- Vote passed
 - c. There has never been a Past President binder according to Alex, that should also be created.
- d. NHLA Spring conference
 - i. NHLA wants to see a presentation that NHLA sections can give a stamp of approval.
 - ii. What can we say yes to?
 1. Is someone doing a book challenge thing? That should be our stamp of approval if there is one, if not we should do one.
 - iii. Nicole will ask Diane what has been submitted and see if she can get a list. Specifically looking for book challenges.
 - iv. Justine is happy to put stamp of approval on more than one thing
 - v. Nicole has a program to submit but it needs registration fee covered by YALS for her partner.
 1. Proposal is about having effective relationships between school and public libraries.
 2. Justine motions approving the program if selected for NHLA- Motion passed
 3. What will the cost be for her co presenter? We should be able to cover the cost of registration.
 4. Vote on it at the March meeting.
 - vi. Have one week to get this nailed down. Deadline for proposals is 1/31/23
 - vii. CLNH stamp of approval is about year-long/alternatives to summer reading programs.
- e. Google Drive
 - i. Problems for board members not being able to get into Google Drive.
 1. Justine's phone gets the 2 factor authentication. She tries to approve it ASAP, but can't always.

2. Could we create gmail accounts for board members (i.e yalspresident@gmail.com)
 - a. We could use these accounts to create content in drive, and then things won't be lost when board members change.
 - b. MaryJo or Ashlee will get in touch with Mindy at Sunapee.
 - c. We also have an NHLA email address for YALS. Mindy manages this (or did). Should know how/who can get us more information.
 - f. MaryJo is looking for money to redo teen section and is wondering where to get grants for teens.
 - i. Justine says NH Charitable Foundation. Grant twice a year for up to \$10000. They got 8000 to revamp children's non fiction. Application simple and reporting is easy
 - ii. Nicole suggests the Walmart grant program—goes through local stores.
14. Books/Programs to share
- a. Nicole- Emoji Stress Balls- Emoji/ yellow balloon made with slime or oobleck
 - b. Meg Roby- Air plant terrariums at Concord
 - i. Ordered plastic ornaments on Amazon.
 - ii. Donated air plants.
 - iii. Picked up multiple figurines (3' or smaller) (There is a great store in Goffstown- vintage toy store) to put in the terrarium some sand and rocks
 - c. D&D discussion by all.
 - i. Get a DM if you can!
 - ii. Let teens try to DM.
 - iii. Nicole runs hers on Saturdays
 - iv. Nikki runs a teen D & D twice a month on Wednesdays for 2 hours at a time.
 - v. Ashlee ran a how to DM program.
 - vi. MaryJo is thinking of having a session during the summer but has a problem getting teens to commit to anything but Murder Mystery n Nights—but has success with those!
 - vii. Justine has successful one offs.
 - d. Does anyone do escape rooms?
 - i. Nicole has a friend that made a digital escape room.
 - ii. If you have the funds get a Breakout Edu subscription which is worth the money.
 - iii. Ashlee has written escape rooms and done them at her librar. She is happy to share notes
 - iv. Mixed results from hiring companies to do the programs.
 - v. Justine recommends Exit the Game.
 - vi. Bobbi at the state library owns an escape room business.
 - e. Molly has 24 teens at afterschool programs.
 - i. Board game and video games

- ii. Did an ugly sweater mystery program.
 - iii. Started 2 book clubs.
 - 1. One novel and one graphic nove.
 - 2. Said teens only wanna read LBGTQ+ fiction.
 - f. Nicole hosts a book club YA book chat (book club with no assigned books).
 - g. MaryJo needs ideas for a TAB group.
 - i. Nicole has them make displays, decorate teen areas and lets them be creative.
 - h. Nicole asked about running a Magic the Gathering program for their library.
 - i. Host a Magic open play for a few hours.
 - 1. Turns into them teaching each other how to play.
 - i. Using Remind to remind teens of programs.
 - i. Text app that works great in lieu of cell phone numbers. And it's FREE!
 - j. Nicole recommended As Long as the Lemon Trees Grow by Zoulfa Katouh, especially as a teen book for adults.
 - k. MaryJo recommended The Weight of Blood by Tiffany Jackson which is a retelling of Carrie.
15. Call to adjourn
- a. MaryJo called to close at 11:25am.