

YALS Meeting Minutes

Thursday January 27, 2022 at 10:00 AM

Zoom

Meeting called to order at 10:04 am

In Attendance: Jenny Devost (Merrimack Public library), Chandra Boureau (Exeter Public Library) Jenn Hartshorn (Seabrook Library) Justine Fafara (Richards Free Library) Sarah Collinge (Philbrick-James Library) Sarah Ballard (Manchester City Library) Stacey Desrosiers (Goffstown Public Library) Alex Graves (Manchester City Library) Nicole Gauvreau (Pease Public Library) Ashlee Lykansion (Nashua Public Library) Nikki Rheume (Lebanon Public Libraries) Maryjo Siergiej (Chester Public Library) Karen LaRue (Chesterfield Library) Julie Lanter (Exeter Public Library)

Next Executive Board Meeting: Thursday March 24 2022, 10:00 AM (Virtual)

November meeting minutes were not available, will be approved with January meeting minutes at next meeting

President's Report (Justine Fafara)

- Held off report until later in agenda

Vice President's Report (MaryJo Siergiej)

- Budget for conference- potential speakers
- Suggestions for potential panels to do
- Budget for speakers
 - Usually \$1000 for keynote speaker

Secretary's Report (Nikki Rheume)

- Nothing to report

Treasurer's Report (Stacey Desrosiers)

- The ending balance for Dec 31 was \$5021.05
- Activity on the account is as follows:
 - Deposit \$95
 - Conference Registration -\$15
 - Dues - \$80
 - Interest \$0.09

Media Report (Ashlee Lykansion)

- Website is still down
 - Ashlee needs to gain access to assess the issues
 - We may not have access at the moment

- NHLA signed a contract with a tech guy to fix the website and migrate it.
- Once up and running Justine will make sure Ashlee gains access
- Social Media
 - Work on a policy for social media
 - Check with NHLA if they have social media policy
 - they are working on a social media task force for strategic plan
 - We can build off of that or add addendum
 - Ideas for social media to promote

State Library Report (Justine reporting for Deborah Dutcher in absentia)

- New Hampshire State Library Summer Reading courses
 - Sign up link <https://forms.gle/4SVa69bYabmBQCr47>
- Feb 10 1-2 pm Jennifer Strauss is a youth librarian that focuses story time experience to develop social and emotional skills
 - Sign up link <https://forms.gle/hN1QFoAC6G5e7EUu6>
- Reminder of Libguid State library site
 - <https://nhsl.libguides.com/youth-adultlibraryservices>

Teen Awards Committee Report (Jenny Devost)

- List is down to 91-92 books
- Thank you gifts to teen ambassadors
 - \$20 gift card to each ambassador (\$180 dollars total)
 - Vote at next meeting
- Next round of teen ambassador applications
 - Signups for ambassador is will go out to listserve and posted on social media, and flume/isinglass website
- Can we add spine labels and other media needs to the website?

Strategic Plan (Julia Lanter)

- Julia will share survey with Justine for sharing
- Rolling out surveys on Feb 1- shared on listservs with public and school librarians
- Promote the survey to others to get the word out, and get the surveys in.
- Will be calling people if they dont get the survey back.
- These surveys will give hard data for librarians to share

New Business

- Merging with CLNH
 - What can we do to possibly merge the two organizations together?
 - Why did we separate into two sections?
 - Teen Services wanted to be separated from childrens
 - Why and if we merge?
 - NH is small libraries and not a lot of dedicated teen librarians
 - There would need to be a restructuring of board

- We could have teen focused workshops in lieu of a separate organization
 - Thoughts?
 - Reasons to oppose
 - CLNH absorbing YALS would possibly lose the validity of teen services.
 - Meetings would quickly turn into children's services, and teens would be underrepresented in meetings.
 - More than one staff member may have to attend the meetings (i.e. a children's librarian and a teen librarian) causing staffing issues.
 - Teen services usually get overwhelmed by childrens, and the work that goes into making teen services their own thing was hard work, and taking teen services away and merging with childrens would be a step backwards
 - Reasons to merge
 - CLNH has the money, but we have the people
 - CLNH is struggling to find people to staff the board, so a merger would help them.
 - Tweens would get represented in the meetings, as many are unsure where they currently belong
 - Youth services librarians (serving both children and teens) would only need to attend one meeting
 -
 - Requirements if a merge were to happen
 - Merger would require that there be a teen services roundtable within CLNH.
 - There would have to be a strong teen rep so that they dont get lost in children's meetings.
 - Action plans/ Solutions
 - Send questionnaires to librarians about how they would feel about this?
 - YALS meets bi monthly and CLNH meets monthly. Can we change CLNH to every other month so that people that do both children and teens can make both meetings?
 - Collaborate with CLNH on bigger things like conferences, but keep the organizations separate.
 - Possibility of collabing with school librarians as well as CLNH to bring up numbers
 - Have mega conferences with youth services, teens, children and teachers.
 - Results from conversation
 - Safe to say there is not a merger in immediate future,
 - Idea of joint conference and workshops throughout the year.

- Would it be beneficial to have an awards committee communication between YALS and CLNH?
- Beneficial to possibly have liaisons for each board, so they can report back to each section
 - Past president role?

Old Business

- 2022 meeting schedule March 24, May 26, Aug 25, Conference Sept 22, Nov 17

Books & Programs to Share

Books

- If This Gets Out by Sophie Gonzales and Cale Dietrich
- Firekeeper's Daughter by Angeline Boulley- Won Printz Award
- The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Lynn Barnes
- Grimrose Girls by Laura Pohl
- The Last Graduate by Naomi Novik
- Last Night at Telegraph Club by Malinda Lo - Won Stonewall Award
- Books to recommend to "boy" readers
 - Ace of Spades by Faridah Àbíké-Íyímídé
 - Small Town Monsters by Diana Rodriguez Wallach
 - Pony by R. J. Palacio
- TJ Powar has Something to Prove by Jesmeen Kaur Deo

Programs

- Jenny Devost - Program in a Bag with school librarians and a Caring Cupboard with snacks and study materials
- Nicole- Partnering with Plymouth Soapworks for workshop
- Nikki- Hygiene Station in teen room
- Ashlee- Convinced art teachers to display teen artwork in teen room starting in Feb

- Fall Conference Idea- Book for Cis Boys (Action, Adventure and No romance)

Call to adjourn Justine

Meeting adjourned at 11:11

Minutes submitted by Nikki Rheume March 11 2022