

YALS Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 24, 2022 at 10:00 AM
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Meeting called to order at 10:02 AM

In Attendance: Jennifer Hartshorn (Seabrook Library), Stacey Desrosiers (Goffstown Public Library), Susan Dansereau (Gafney Library), Maryjo Siergiej (Newmarket Public Library), Jenny Devost (Merrimack Public Library), Ashlee Lykansion (Nashua Public Library), Justine Fafara (Richards Free Library, Newport), Sarah Ballard (Manchester City Library), Julia Lanter (Exeter Public Library), Chandra Boudreau (Exeter Public Library), Krista Bordeleau (Pelham Public Library), Brittany Shanahan (Hall Memorial Library, Northfield), Alex Planchak (Manchester City Library), Nicole Gauvreau (Pease Public Library, Plymouth)

Next Executive Board Meeting: Thursday, May 26, 2022 at 10:00 AM
Exeter Public Library - Hybrid

January minutes were approved; motioned by Jennifer, seconded by Stacey, carried.

President's Report (Justine Fafara)

NHLA is working with a consultant to build a new website, the old one will be scrapped. They have asked each section for suggestions about what information they would like to have made available. Justine suggested the following:

- Minutes, By-Laws, Flume Award page, Isinglass Award page, how to join YALS, and buttons for the YALS Blog, Twitter, Instagram, Youtube, Facebook.

It was also suggested that we have a list of programs/performers, similar to what is on the CLNH pages. At some point, perhaps, the some of the information on the previous website could be extracted. We can also reach out to Barb Ballou to see if she has previous program information.

Vice President's Report (Maryjo Siergiej)

The speaker for the YALS Fall Conference will be Kalynn Bayron, author of Cinderella Is Dead. If anyone has any ideas for panels, breakout sessions for the conference, please reach out to Maryjo.

Secretary's Report (Jennifer Hartshorn for Nikkie Rheume)

None.

Treasurer's Report (Stacey Desrosiers)

For January and February:

Dues = \$355.00

Interest = \$.08

Balance = \$5,576.13

Discussion of the FY2023 Budget was as follows:

The projected FY2023 Budget is based on the projected FY2022 Budget.

The projected FY2022 Budget was as follows:

Fall Conference = \$1,000 for speaker. Took in \$540.00 as donations

Dues = \$450.00 *collected \$465.00

Expenditures = \$1,500 *spent \$1,000 for Conference Speaker and \$200.00 was for the EDI program

The projected FY2023 Budget is as follows:

YALS Fall Conference Income= \$1000

YALS Dues Income= \$500

Line item from savings to balance budget: \$450

YALS Fall Conference Expense= \$1500

YALS Section Expense= \$250 (this is for anything that may come up such as joint sponsored event again)

Misc Expense added a line item for the NH Video Game Library = \$200 (matching funds)

Motion to pass the budget made by Nicole, seconded by Jenny, carried.

Media Report (Ashlee Lykansion)

Suggestion to interact with our social media by liking, sharing, etc. to increase visibility.

Ashlee is working on a social media policy based on NHLA's. Jenny and Ashlee will be

Getting together to work on the graphics for the Flume and Isinglass Awards push.

Suggestion to tag the authors and publishers of the book on the awards short list.

Teen Awards Committee Report (Jenny Devost)

The shortlists are complete. Jenny is working on the graphics for the final push. We giving the Teen Ambassadors gift cards as a thank you for their participation. Justine

agreed that this was a good idea. Jenny said that having the teens was really great for the perspective that they offered in discussion and that many were enthusiastic about coming back. Justine asked about having a meeting to discuss which teens we want to ask back. Jenny will also reach out the Mo Churchill about speaking at CLNH to announce the shortlists, etc.

Old Business

a. Exeter & YALS Game Collection Grant update

For the grant the Exeter Public Library has purchased 6 Playstation 5s, 6 Xbox Series X and 6 Nintendo Switch Consoles and will purchase 6 Playstation 5 VR goggles. Along with each console we will purchase at minimum 50 games. We have purchased 60 of what we consider "universally popular games" like MarioKart and Halo, but need feedback on what Teens (and any NH gamer of any age) would like in the collection, so please send any recommendation to me at exeterpljal@gmail.com. Next week I will send out a google form and a pdf survey for people to share.

For use of materials, that is being developed and should officially be ready by the end of April. We will give priority to libraries who wish to check out the consoles for programming. We plan on the consoles going out for 1 month via ILL.

b. Strategic Plan Update

Surveys went out to all libraries and 83 responses were received. Julia is going through them now and making a spreadsheet of all library contacts. The committee will make calls to the nonresponding libraries. The first task may be to figure out the the state of Teen Librarian in NH.

Books/Programs to share...

*Richards Free Library is creating a game board library with AARP funds, the Grand Opening will be Saturday, June 4th.

*Stacey Desrosiers has a podcast, Curious Reader. There was some additional discussion about creating podcasts. Stacy suggested inviting YALS members to participate in podcasts that have already been established. Julia suggested a once a year youtube/podcast for the Awards Committee.

*Jenny is putting together a Fandom Passport program.

*Justine recommends the Firekeeper's Daughter audio.

*Maryjo recommends the Mary Shelley Club audio.

*Julia told us about River Reads: Exeter Reads John Lewis. The Town Clerk is Hosting a Teen Talk about voting. There will be a teen book discussion of Run, Book 1 by John Lewis and Andrew Ayden.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10.