



YALS Meeting- virtual on GoToMeeting
May 25, 2023 10am

1. **Call to order**
 - a. Maryjo called to order at 10:02
2. **Attendance**
 - a. Lauren Collins- Weeks Public Library, Susan Dansereau- Gafney Library, Jenny Devost- Merrimack Public Library, Hayden Jurius-Gilford Public Library, Ashlee Lykansion Nashua Public Library, Nikki Rheaume- Lebanon Public Libraries, Maryjo Siergiej- Newmarket Public Library and Portsmouth Public Library.
3. **Location & Date of next meeting**
 - a. August 24 10am Location: TBD and on GoToMeeting
4. **Approval of March minutes**
 - a. MaryJo motions to accept March minutes.
 - b. Jenny seconded the motion.
 - c. Motion passed.
5. **President's Report-** Maryjo Siergiej
 - a. NHLA Meeting will be attended June 13 by either Nicole or MaryJo
 - b. Attended last meeting and submitted our report to NHLA
 - c. Lobbyists spoke at the meeting and talked about bills pertaining to NH libraries. MaryJo will let us know if anything comes up at the next meeting.
6. **Vice President's Report-** MaryJo Siergiej for Nicole Gauvreau (absent)
 - a. Conference update
 - i. Location decided on Audubon in Concord, NH
 - ii. Aiden Thomas keynote speaker
 - b. More updates to be emailed
7. **Secretary's Report-** Nikki Rheaume
 - a. Nothing to report
8. **Treasurer's Report-** MaryJo Siergiej for Stacey Desrosiers (absent)
 - Current account balance: \$6629.58
 - Deposits for March and April= \$80.00 and attributed to dues
 - Interest earned = \$.12

- This balance does not reflect expense payments in process to NHLA for Aiden Thomas (Keynote for the Fall Conference) or the rental fee for the Audubon (Fall Conference space).
- 9. **Media Report-** Ashlee Lykansion
 - a. Going through the website making notes on what needs updating and correction.
 - b. Created a draft of form that people can fill out with ideas and suggestions of programs for teens so we can create a list on the website
 - i. In place of the old programming list that got lost.
 - ii. <https://forms.gle/wp4EDFfNPuSZ12fd6>
- 10. **Past-President-** MaryJo Siergiej for Justine Fafarra (absent)
 - a. Update on binders- will be discussed next meeting
- 11. **State Library Report-** MaryJo Siergiej for Deborah Dutcher (absent)
 - a. Nothing to report
- 12. **Teen Reads Awards Committee Report-** Jenny Devost
 - a. Chandra from Exeter is possibly interested in taking over in September
 - b. What channels should she go through?
 - i. MaryJo will look into it and update it
 - c. Low signups for teen and librarian members
 - i. MaryJo suggested going to Justine
 - ii. Overwhelming consensus is that it's a lot to take on
 - iii. Something to note: On the website for youth book awards, Jenny is the only person listed, so she has been contacted about Great Stone Face as well.
- 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 conference last year.
 - ii. Here are the findings:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1h1eZ0ejrBGR-iKzHEPHsSIN1BGSITFKKozEowPYJEdl/edit#slide=id.g157b8be8434_0_134
 - iii. 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. Will discuss at next meeting
- 14. **New Business**
 - a. Nothing to add
- 15. **Books/Programs to share**
 - a. Ashlee has a homeschool group that consistently attends programs and so she started a program during the school day specifically for them
 - i. homeschoolers hangout, do crafts and play games
 - ii. gives homeschool teens a chance to hang out with other teens that are homeschooled.
 - b. MaryJo is having a gaming night
 - c. MaryJo had a small star wars event for may the 4th
 - i. baby yoda origami craft- was well received

- d. Lauren Collins has had success with Dungeons and Dragons at her library.
 - i. Sessions run biweekly for 2 hours minimum
 - 1. 3 different groups of 4-5 kids.
 - ii. Saturdays have been the best time to run sessions.

16. Call to adjourn

- a. Nikki called to adjourn at 10:30.
- b. Jenny seconded.