

YALS Meeting Minutes

Thursday August 25, 2022 at 10:00 AM

Exeter Public Library

Meeting called to order at 10:10 AM

In Attendance: Jennifer Hartshorn (Seabrook Library), Alex Planchak (Manchester City Library), Molly Pevna (Nesmith Library, Windham), Ashlee Lykansion (Nashua Public Library), Katie Spofford (Wadleigh Memorial Library, Milford), Justine Fafara (Richards Free Library, Newport), Sarah Leonardi (Amherst Town Library), Chandra Boudreau (Exeter Public Library), Julia Lanter (Exeter Public Library), Jenny Devost (Merrimack Public Library), Stacey Desrosiers (Goffstown Public Library), David Bridgewater (Stephenson Memorial Library, Greenfield), Meg Roby (Concord Public Library), Emily Fortin (Dover Public Library), Crystal Lisbon (Wiggin Memorial Library, Stratham), Maryjo Siergiej (Newmarket Public Library), Krista Bordeleau (Pelham Public Library)

Next Executive Board Meeting: Thursday, September 22, 2022, Fall Conference at Portsmouth Public Library at 9:00 AM

May minutes were approved; motioned by Julia, seconded by Jenny, carried.

President's Report (Justine Fafara)

Thank you for being here this morning. Apologies for the lack of teen programming workshops, etc. at NELA this year. Julia proposed inviting other state association Members to the YALS Fall Conference in lieu of workshops at NELA. Justine will Reach out to Mindy Atwood or Amber Coughlin.

Vice President's Report (Maryjo Siergiej)

Maryjo shared the schedule for the upcoming YALS Fall Conference. Our keynote will be Kalynn Bayron, author of Cinderella is Dead. Julia will help with printing name tags, etc. Chandra and Ashlee volunteered to help with registration. Books will be sold outside of the meeting room. We discussed the raffle, how much tickets will be, \$1.00/ticket or \$5.00/six tickets. We will be raffling off an Out-of-Print tote and two gift cards, one for the winner and one for the library the winner works at. Justine will pick up cash for making change from the bank. 1-\$50 card and 1-\$25 card.

Secretary's Report (Jennifer Hartshorn for Nikki Rheume)

No report.

Treasurer's Report (Stacy Desrosiers)

The ending balance for July is \$4,716.37

Activity on the account is as follows:

Dues - \$25.00

Payment for YALS Fall Conference keynote - \$1,000.00

Interest - \$0.14

Media Report (Ashlee Lykansion)

Ashlee is on the committee to revise NHLA's social media policy. Broken links and other information on the NHLA website need to be corrected. Alex asked about the old NHLA website and Ashlee said she would get in touch with Yvette Couser.

State Library Report (Deborah Dutcher, not present)

No report.

Teen Reads Award Committee (Jenny Devost)

The committee has been receiving a lot of books. There has been discussion about making changes to the nomination form to make sure that the titles are nominated by teens. There have been 65 nominations submitted versus over 100 submitted at this time last year.

Old Business

a. Teen Librarian Award

Alex spoke to CLNH about how they do the Children's Librarian Award. The Teen Librarian Award has been encompassed by the CLNH award in the past. This discussion was brought up for the first time last year. We feel that having a separate award will help to legitimize Young Adult Librarians. We will update our bylaws in September to reflect this change. The award would be called Outstanding Teen Services Librarian, motioned by Julia, seconded by Jenn, carried. Julia motioned that the award start in 2023, Ashlee seconded, carried. A line item was added to the budget for the award in the amount of \$100.00

b. Teen Reads Awards official names

Tabled until after the conference.

c. Strategic Plan Update

None

New Business

None

Books/Programs to Share

Maryjo and Jenny have had great success with murder mystery programs with their teens.

Molly suggested creating a Google Doc to share murder mystery scripts.

Ashlee had a deep sea Glow Party - the kids did a black light mural together.

She also had great success with a Sew Your Own Narwhal stuffie program.

Jenny had a weekly drop in fandom passport.

Meeting adjourned at 11:27 AM