



YALS Meeting- virtual on GoToMeeting
August 24, 2023 10am

1. **Call to order**
 - a. 10:04am MaryJo called to order
2. **Attendance**
 - a. Mindy Atwood-New Hampshire State Library, Stacey Desrosiers- Goffstown Public Library, Jenny Devost- Merrimack Public Library Nicole Gauvreau-Pease Public Library Nikki Rheaume- Lebanon Public Libraries, Jess Ryan- Rye Public Library, Maryjo Siergiej,-Newmarket PL and Portsmouth PL
3. **Location & Date of next meeting**
 - a. Teens in Transition: YALS Fall Conference 2023
 - i. Thursday, September 28, 2023 9:00 AM
 - ii. Where: Susan N. McLane Audubon Center Auditorium
4. **Approval of May minutes**
 - a. Maryjo motioned to accept May minutes.
 - b. Jenny Devost seconded
 - c. Motion passed
5. **President's Report- Maryjo**
 - a. Vice-President vote and other YALS positions
 - i. We need to vote for the vice president. Nicole Gauvreau will be president next year.
 - ii. Maryjo will send out an email and make a poll of people that are interested.
 - iii. Treasurer is a 3 year term
 1. Stacey has one year left.
 - iv. The Secretary serves a 2 year term and is up for reelection this year.
 1. Nikki is finished with her term, but is happy to serve again if no one else is interested.
 - v. All nominees must be YALS members.
6. **Vice President Report- Nicole**
 - a. Conference update!
 - i. The conference is In one month and four days

- ii. Our next meeting will convene at the conference.
- iii. We have a rough schedule so far.
 - 1. Waiting to hear back from one person and looking for a 3rd presenter
- iv. We need people to volunteer to sign in people for 45 minutes
- v. Board will bring breakfast and also please bring sharpies if you can.
 - 1. Sign ups for that will be sent out
 - a. Stacey can bring hot beverages so they don't get cold.
- vi. Maryjo will bother NHLA about Survey Monkey
- vii. Teatotaler may do conference catering but is waiting for confirmation of the number of attendees.
 - 1. Waiting for amount to approve the cost
 - a. Last year it was \$900.
 - i. Maryjo motioned to pre-approve up to \$1000 for catering.
 - 1. Stacey seconded
 - 2. Motioned passed
- viii. Gibson's bookstore will be there from 11-3pm tentatively.
 - 1. Will have Aiden Thomas's books available for purchase

7. Secretary's Report- Nikki

- a. Nothing to report

8. Treasurer's Report- Stacey -

- a. End bank balance on 7/31/23: \$6457.74
 - i. Includes:
 - 1. Payment for conference space deposit: \$200.00
 - 2. Deposit of dues: \$25.00
 - 3. Interest: \$0.16
 - b. Payment forms have been submitted for the keynote speaker and remainder of conference rental fee:
 - i. Aiden Thomas: Honorarium, travel, room & board: \$1935.82
 - ii. Audubon rental remainder: \$200.00
 - c. When payment is cleared the YALS account balance will be \$4318.92 (before registration deposits start coming in)

9. Past-President- Justine - Not Present

- a. Update on binders
 - i. Maryjo can redo binders if Justine cannot before term expires

10. State Library Report- Deborah Dutcher- emailed notes. Mindy Atwood present with additional information

- a. Deb sent out a save the date for the New England Collaborative Teen Summit earlier this month. Contact her for more information
- b. New exhibit at the State Library- "Magnify Voices Expressive Art Contest."
 - i. Mindy shared there is a goal to have more exhibits at State Library, they are always open to hearing about new and interesting things.
- b. ILL is fully staffed with van drivers.

- i. New ILL van but not marked yet, so it is just a white van for now, so do not be alarmed. They are working on getting the wrap.
- c. A portion of the AARPA funds was used to develop large print collection
 - i. Majority is adult materials but there are some books in the YA collection. Materials are available through ILL
- d. Just reported all of the AARPA grants.
 - i. Some were related to youth services Mindy is specifically interested in the video game library from from Julie at Exeter.
- e. Things are ramping up with book challenges
 - i. Mindy is working very closely with NHSLA.
 - ii. Mostly schools getting hit,
 - iii. Bywater is in full support to help us out
 - 1. Calling other ILS in NH to let them know about the climate in NH and let them know about interesting reports that may be requested.
 - iv. If we have any challenges reach out to Mindy but also the Intellectual Freedom committee in NHLA .state library is there too
 - v. Mindy's mobile number is 603-573-6402. Reach out anytime

11. Media Report- Ashlee- not present

- a. Nothing to report

12. Teen Reads Awards Committee Report- Jenny

- a. Jenny is stepping down as chair, as her term has ended.
 - i. Chandra from Exeter expressed interest in taking over.
 - 1. Jenny is nominating her. Vote
 - a. Vote on at YALS conference.
 - 2. If she is elected, Jenny will then work with her to help with transition
- b. First meeting in September 18 at 3:30

13. Old Business

a. Strategic Plan Update-

- i. Discuss Strategic plan updates
 - 1. Per Julia, the final report for the Strategic Plan was presented at the YALS conference last year.
 - a. Here are the findings:
 - https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1h1eZ0ejrBGR-iKzHEPHsSIN1BGSITFKKozEowPYJEdI/edit#slide=id.g157b8be8434_0_134
 - 2. 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).
 - i. Next steps are to bring a range of years to focus on and go through findings.

1. Go through the plan for the next meeting, think of ideas to focus on. Bring up these plan at the conference to update everyone with our progress.
- ii. Maryjo will make a list and we should go through it and let her know what we think.

14. New Business

- a. Conference planning
 - i. See VP report
 - ii. Pick date for next year before end of next year
 1. Late september, CLNH conference is in October
 2. Plan to keep our conference in september
 - a. The last Thursday in 2024 is Sept 26. We will plan on that date.

15. Books/Programs to share

- a. Nicole reported that Chole Gong's back list has exploded since These Violent Delights was voted as Flume winner.
- b. Medusa by Jessica Burton will not stay on shelf at Stacey's library.
- c. Mindy just read I'm the Girl by Courtney Summers.
- d. Nicole has a bubble day at her library, with 71 attendees.
- e. Stacey is doing a life skills cooking program over the course of 5 weeks
 - i. teens learned knife skills, measuring, reading recipes etc.
 - ii. Culminated with a kitchen battle ala Chopped.
 1. Everything was edible and looked good and was the best teen program according to teens. Funded by the Friends group.
 2. Used kitchen in a box from the state for supplies
- f. Stacey has also started D&D.
 - i. Wizards of the Coast gave her a bunch of free stuff.
- g. Nicole will be starting a tween D&D program.
- h. Nicole is hoping to do applesauce making program this fall

16. Call to adjourn

- a. Maryjo called to adjourn the meeting at 11:14



Tiffany D. Jackson

Friday, November 17 10:10 am



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MAGNIFY VOICES

EXPRESSIVE ART CONTEST

View submissions:



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Magnify Voices is an expressive art contest inviting students in fifth through 12th grade to submit a creative piece to showcase personal experiences with mental health conditions. Magnify Voices raises awareness, erases stigmas and effectuates changes to help ensure the social and emotional health of youth in the Granite State.

SUBMISSIONS TAKE MANY FORMS

- short film
- song
- performance
- essay
- poem
- sculpture
- photograph
- drawing
- painting
- diorama