

YALS Meeting Minutes
Legal Government Center
3/24/16

Call to Order: 10:01 AM

In Attendance: Barb Ballou (New Boston – Whipple Free Lib), Sylvie Brikiatis (Nesmith/Windham), Jennifer Bryant (Sandown Public), Susanne Cortez (Lebanon PL), Liz Gotauco (Merrimack PL), Donna Hynes (Rochester PL), Julie Lanter (Exeter PL), Grace Larochelle (Hooksett PL), Stacy Mazur (Lane Memorial Lib – Hampton) Gail Zachariah (Keene Public)

Next meeting: 5/26/16, at LGC per availability. Liz is unable to attend next meeting so someone else will take notes that day.

Future meetings: We do not meet in July but we will meet August 25 for conference planning. In November meet the week before our usual Thursday due to the holiday.

Secretary's report: Approved. The Secretary will start reporting on membership at meetings, including encouraging lapsed members to renew membership and reaching out to earlier conference attendees to join us for upcoming ones.

Action items: Liz will contact NHLA folks for Wild Apricot tips and begin adding membership duties for follow-up YALS meetings.

Presidents Report: Danny has moved on so VP position opened. A volunteer can step up in this circumstance according to bylaws. We went over responsibilities for VP/Pres-elect for new members, and Susanne Cortez from Lebanon stepped forward and we officially elected her to fill the position.

We discussed sending a representative to the NHLA conference committee to be able to give feedback on basics annual conference decisions like location and length, as well as programs aimed at teen and youth librarians.

Action items: Susanne will act as NHLA conference rep, but Liz will also be in attendance as she is the CHILIS rep.

Treasurer's Report: \$3,842.21 balance, with 29 new members!

Fall conference: Sept 22nd, 2016 at LGC in Concord.

- Luncheon Speaker: Ellen Oh is confirmed. Her fee is 1750, plus travel and hotel. We can offer up to 2200 to cover travel expenses.
- Gibson's will be our bookseller

- LGC Info: Their laws say we must get in at 8:30 AM and be out by 4:30 PM. We need to request audiovisual equipment from them at least 2 weeks in advance. They offer 2 caterer options: First Impressions or Brown Bag Catering. FI has boxed lunch option for \$8.95 which fits our needs so we'll follow up with them.
- Panels: Confirmed gaming panel, volunteering panel, and passive program panel. We need to confirm actual panelists.
- Raffle: We will steal chilis raffle format, to raffle off a \$75 Amazon Gift Card. Suzanne will do a display for the raffle table.
- Schedule:
 - 9:30 business meeting (We are switching it to mornings so we get more feedback.)
 - 2 panels in AM
 - Lunch
 - 1 panel and book sale in afternoon
 - Isinglass booktalks and raffles in between sessions

Action items:

- **Ann will follow up with Gibsons to confirm booksale details.**
- **Sylvie will follow up with caterers to find out veggie and other dietary options and confirm that we can bring breakfast as usual, though Ann said it shouldn't be a problem.**
- **Gail will reach out to find panelists.**

Flume and Isinglass Awards:

Flume is hosting a virtual meeting.

We will try formalizing the selection process a bit since it will be done over chat. Liz will invite people to send top ten favorites ahead of time

Idea to combine into one Teen Read Award: Liz got some negative feedback from Isinglass committee on combining, and they asked that we wait and discuss the idea with people who attend the Isinglass Booktalks at NHSLMA.

Action items: Liz will send out an invite to school librarians to join Flume virtual meeting and organize attendees to send favorites and elimination pics ahead of time. Liz will also bring up combined award idea to CHILIS to consider their feedback, and lead discussion at NHSLMA about combined book award for school librarian feedback.

Website: Nothing to report.

Summer Reading Ideas:

Hackathon

Escape the Room event

Keep Talking and Nobody Explodes interactive PC game

Big board games for sale on Amazon for cheap

Stacking cup game

Movie events (discussed how to make them more successful – marathons tend to be favored)

Mug cooking event

Doctor Who view a thon

Parkour!

Skateboard/bike repair workshop

Kickball

Water balloon battle

Fun run or book relay, book walk

Olympics related event - chocolate Olympics,

Would YALS like to start a Wiki or blog for summer reading?

Action times: We will try a blog post on summer reading ideas to get more brainstorming in the comments.

New Books:

Lightening Queen (middle grade)

Art of Being Normal

Highly Illogical Behavior