

YALS Meeting - Local Government Center

5/25/2017 Meeting Called to Order at 10:05 a.m.

In Attendance: Madeline Gielow (Weeks/Greenland), Ashlee Lykansion (Nashua Public Library), Barb Ballou (Whipple Free Library, New Boston), Susanne Cortez (Lebanon Public Library), Tanya Ricker (Plymouth, Pease Public Library), Lisa (Li) Harley (Durham Public Library), Donna Hynes (Rochester Public Library), Ann Hoey (NH State Library), Julia Lanter (Exeter Public Library)

Location and Date of Next meeting: August 24, 10:00 a.m. at Local Government Center.

Secretary's report: Previous minutes approved from March, 2017. *Action Items:* Minutes approved.

President's Report: Susanne read an email from NHLA President Marilyn Borgendale asking for sections to assist with NHLA's revamping of the website and logo. *Action Items:* Barb Ballou will attend meeting depending on scheduling. Tanya Ricker will send an email to Marilyn. Lisa said she has some people in house that would be good to work on a logo. All YALS members with images or ideas for either NHLA's logo or website are encouraged to contact Susanne Cortez.

Vice President's Report: Tanya attended the NHLA Spring Conference on May 4&5 at the Sheridan in Portsmouth, NH. The YALS sponsored panels went well. "YA Summer Reading" panel was the lowest attended, but was left out of the program and announced via handout. "Relationship Building Between Schools and Libraries" was the highest attended panel, needing to change rooms to accommodate attendees. Over 50 people attended the "Isinglass & Flume" panel and the "YA Smackdown" was also low in attendance, but well received. Attendees at the Isinglass & Flume panel were disappointed there were no books for sale at the conference. It was also recommended at the Isinglass & Flume panel that we have a link on the website for librarians to share materials and ideas on how to promote teen awards in the state. *Action Items:* Barb will add a place to share award materials on the Flume page of the YALS website.

Treasurer's Report: The current balance is \$4,195.66. *Action Items:* Check to pay for the YALS buttons and stickers distributed at the NHLA conference and deposits pending.

State Report: Anne asked for a backup who could attend a continuing education conference held after the YA Services Symposium in Louisville, KY this year in case she is unable to attend. The Symposium is November 2-3. The continuing education program, sponsored by a grant through IMLS would be November 6-7. Susanne volunteered to be a backup for Anne. *Action Items:* Anne was going to confirm that those attending the program would be funded by a grant through IMLS.

Website: Barb has added to the website's programming page and has also included a job website for teens. *Action Items:* If anyone has interesting programming ideas, send them to Barb so she can post them.

Fall conference discussion: Susanne has confirmed the Local Government Center as the site and Brown Bag caterers will continue to provide lunch. Breakfast will be the same as last year. We will continue to raffle a \$75 Amazon gift card, with \$1 a ticket, 6 for \$5. Before Summer Reading begins, Tanya will send out a Save the Date notice to the listserv. In August after panels are confirmed we will open up registration and include a conference schedule on our registration page. Registration fee will be \$45 for members, \$55 for non-members. Registration will be through Wild Apricot and Susanne will work on setting up the registration page. Tanya has confirmed Lisa Bunker as the lunchtime speaker. We will not

include book talks this year. A panel discussion for marketing will be focused on social media and another on mental health. Laura Horwood Benton with Portsmouth Public Library was recommended as a possible candidate to speak at the marketing panel. *Action Items:* Li will contact Laura about participating in the Marketing panel or recommending an expert on social media and teens. Julia will contact NH GSLEN, mental health author Dawn Heubner and Change Direction.org inviting them to participate in a panel on mental health and teens. Anne will contact Stephanie Loisel as another possible panel participant and Gibsons for book sales. Tanya will contact NAMI and send out the Save the Date notice before Summer Reading. Susanne will work on the conference's registration page in Wild Apricot. Julia will be in charge of the raffle. Please send all panel confirmations to both Tanya and Susanne.

Flume and Isinglass Awards: See above Vice President's Report . Lisa Houde has stepped down from the Flume committee. *Action Items:* Thank you to Lisa for working on the Flume brochure and her many years assisting with the Flume. New members for the Isinglass Flume committee are encouraged to contact Tanya Ricker. Nominations are ongoing for both awards on the Flume/Isinglass Wiki. Anne will send out a reminder to keep submitting nomination to the wiki.

New Business: Laura Knoy of NHPR's *The Exchange* would like to possibly have a discussion on why teens/ teen boys don't read in June. *Action Items:* Contact Anne with name of teen for panel. Julia and Li have set forth their names as Vice YALS Vice President and Secretary and will provide their names to Gail Zachariah.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Books and Programming Ideas to Share: Escape Rooms, Hamilton programming and lock ins were recommended as programs.

Adjournment: 11:30 am