

YALS Meeting - Local Government Center

11/17/2016 – Meeting Called to Order at 10:00a.m.

In Attendance: Jennifer Bryant (Sandown Public Library) Julia Lanter (Exeter Public Library) Susanne Cortez (Lebanon Public Library) Ann Hoey (NH State Library) Gail Zachariah (Keene Public Library) Barb Ballou (Whipple Free Library) Sylvie Brikiatis (Nesmith Public Library) Tanya Ricker (Plymouth/Pease Public Library)

Location and Date of Next meeting: January 19, 10:00 a.m. at Local Government Center.

Secretary's report: Previous minutes approved from August 30, 2016.

Action Items: Minutes approved. Julia Lanter approved as new secretary

President's Report: Nothing to report on at this time.

Vice President's Report: Nothing to report on at this time.

Treasurer's Report (in absentia): The YALS conference raised \$2,735 dollars with 68 registered attendees. Ellen Oh cost \$1,978.20 for her speaking fee and airfare.

State Report: Summer Reading Manuals were distributed at the CHILIS conference in multiple formats including print, online, DVD and USB. Ann is in the process of sending out remaining manuals. An online code will be available for those who purchased the SRM, but must only be used by librarians in the state of NH.

Website: Barb Ballou has added a link on the website and blog for the driving test website discussed at the fall conference(<http://driving-tests.org/library/>). She also added links to Katie Spofford's (Wadleigh Memorial Library/Milford) presentation on Passive Teen Programs and Barb's Teen Planning Presentation. There was trouble with the website's headings, but this was resolved and the menu headings are now on the side of the website. Also updated was information on teen volunteers and labor laws.

Actionable items: Post update with Flume Award winner, *Carry On* by Rainbow Rowell

Fall conference review: The conference was generally positively reviewed by attendees who completed the post-conference survey. Recommendations were made for more interactive presentations and improved microphones (especially for those seated in the back). The food vender and location were well reviewed. Ellen Oh was well received. Some survey responders stated that there was too much time between scheduled events and there were few opportunities for networking.

Flume and Isinglass Awards: Our Flume award winner was *Carry On* by Rainbow Rowell.

Committee re-visited suggestion that Flume and Isinglass combine to create one single state award for teens. Tanya will discuss with CHILIS as board representative. Sylvie recommends that the current 12 month period doesn't work for schools, which would prefer winner announced in spring so they could order books, so in January/February the committee would collect and announce the winners at NHLA. This year we will not be doing the Flume award in order to reset the new timing for nominating and voting. Gail recommended that nominations be ongoing.

Actionable items: Tanya will recommend merging the two awards with CHILIS.

New Business:**2017 YALS CONFERENCE:**

Official date for YALS conference in 2017 set for September 28, 2017 at Local Government Center with Hooksett as backup site. Suggested programs: Marketing for Non Profit with marketing expert, Show & Tell Programming, Technology Petting Zoo, Flume & Isinglass Overview - Marketing Awards outside the library to school libraries, bookstores and beyond. It was recommended to implement a new member raffle ticket initiative providing free tickets to new members to help welcome them to the organization. Julia Lanter recommended a local Exeter author, Lisa Bunker, author of the upcoming *Feliz Yz* as possible conference speaker. The author would promote her upcoming book and discuss how to promote safe space in libraries for transgendered teens.

Action items: Susanne will book rooms for conference. Julia will provide Tanya with Lisa Bunker contact information. Sylvie will contact a marketing firm.

NHLA Conference Programming Suggestions:

The group unanimous voted that YALS members should be involved in recommending young adult programming to the NHLA conference committee in order to ensure that the programming will lure members of our section to the conference. Having distinctly different program subjects for NHLA and the YALS conference was also emphasized. Tanya recommended a program focused on working with school librarians that she would run with her local public school librarian.

Action Items: Sylvie and Tanya will discuss with NHLA

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Books and Programming Ideas to Share:

Sylvie described her latest program, a series of interactive movie viewings of *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* and *The Princess Bride* she will update blog with overview of program.

Tanya recommended Canva as a publisher alternative to creating in-house marketing