

YALS Meeting – NH Hampshire Municipal Services Association (formerly Local Government Center)

11/9/17 Meeting called to order at 9:55 a.m.

In Attendance: Julia Lanter (Exeter Public Library), Marilyn Borgendale (NHLA), Grace Larochelle (Hookset Public Library), Katherine Bollenbach (Belmont Public Library), Donna Hynes (Rochester Public Library), Mollie Mulligan (Portsmouth Public Library), Heather Lindsay (Greenland Public Library), Laura Stevens, Barb Ballou (Whipple Free Library, New Boston), Lisa Harling (Durham Public Library).

Minutes prepared by Lisa Harling 11/16/17

Location and Date of Next Meeting: January 25, 2018 NH Municipal Services Association

Secretary's Report: Minutes previously approved at September conference.

President's Report: Report provided by Julia Lanter in Tanya Ricker's absence.

- Thank you note from Ann Hoey for the retirement gift.
- Ann Hoey's former position at the NH State Library has been advertised.
- Free teen and juvenile chapter books are being offered on a first come first served basis at the State Library. These are being made available to libraries due to space considerations at NHSL.
- Conference surveys from Monkey surveys are coming in and so far have been positive.

Treasurer's Report: The current balance is \$4,174.

Website: Report by Barb Ballou

- NHLA is behind schedule in the launching of their new website. They will still be using WordPress.
- Barb Ballou will be attending a WordPress website training workshop on 11/16/17.
- Social Media – The YALS Facebook page is years out of date. Jenn Hosking will be asked to deactivate this page. A YALS Facebook *group* will be established as part of the NHLA Facebook page. Lisa Harling will set this up.
- Resource to check out: Teen Services Underground - Facebook page and website.

Fall Conference Recap: Reported by Julia Lanter

- Survey Monkey results – Positive
- Constructive comments from Survey Monkey:
 1. People reported having missed tables to write on.
 2. The first presenter did not provide enough "concrete" information.
 3. Pace was too quick; more time between presentations would have been appreciated.
 4. Room was cold and sound system was poor.

New Business: Facilitated by Julia Lanter

1. Plans for next year
 - We will have a YALS table at the next NHLA conference which will be held in 2019.
 - Establishing a list of local authors for the web site was suggested as part of the discussion for an author panel at the next conference.

2. Next year's conference.
 - Date: September 27, 2018
 - Location: NH Hampshire Municipal Services Association
 - Katherine Bollenbach offered to speak or be part of a panel on the topic of TAG behavior, which was the focus of her Master's thesis.
 - An author panel was suggested. Local authors mentioned included; David Eliot, Dan Brown, Terri Ferrish, Joe King (Hill).
 - The possibility of having small group discussions in the afternoon to avoid the "after-lunch-slump" was proposed. The topic of seasonal programming was also suggested.
 - It was agreed that we should have tables. However, the number of tables that we can use at this venue is limited so we will need to be creative with the format.

3. Islinglass & Flume: Report by Katherine Bollenbach
 - Next meeting will be in April, 2018.
 - Book talks were omitted from this year's conference. We did not receive any feedback on this. In the future we will do book talks at our conference on the years when there is not a NHLA conference.
 - There has been some confusion about how to use the Wiki. Katherine Bollenbach will do a presentation at the January meeting to clarify usage. We talked about making a recording for YouTube. This will be left to Katherine's discretion.
 - Nominees and readers are still needed.
 - The committee will attempt to coordinate with the Great Stone Face Committee to avoid a lot of overlaps in nominees.

4. Proposed that NHLA buy one Survey Monkey account that all sections can use. Marilyn Borgendale will look into this.

Old Business: Nothing to report