

YALS Meeting
Local Government Center
May 3, 2012

Present: Letty Goerner, Ann Hoey, Katherine Bollenbach, Jo-Ann Roy, Angela Spiridione, Debby Cheek, Becky Marks, Karen Henchey, Jenn Hosking, Alex Estabrook, Kirsten Rundquist Corbett, Amy Friedman, Danny Arsenault, Ellen Tweedy, Tanya Robbins, Barb Ballou, Lisa Houde, Kathy Watson, Allison Steele

I. Introductions

II. Location and Date of Next Meeting: LGC on August 30, 2012

Should we meet more often? It's necessary, since we've got a conference to plan now. We'll try meeting bimonthly, except for in the summer.

III. Secretary's Report / Review of Previous Minutes

Kate was absent, so no review. Kirsten Rundquist Corbett recorded minutes.

IV. State Report: Ann Hoey

Children's Book Review is this week.

If your library did not get the summer reading program manual that you ordered, let Ann know.

Should the Flume Award continue? Is it worth it? If so, Lisa Houde can't do it alone. Kirsten will help Lisa with presentation at the NHSLMA Conference in May and YALS Conference in September. We discussed lowering the number of titles on the final list from thirteen to ten.

V. Isinglass Awards –YALS Co-Sponsor?

It makes sense for YALS to co-sponsor the award, since we serve middle school teens, too. The list is too long, though (20 titles!). Can they cut it down?

VI. YALS Fall Conference Planning

Amy has secured Brookline author Sarah Smith (author of *The Other Side of Dark*) for our lunch speaker.

We'll have a programming panel consisting of Kathy Watson, who will speak about summer reading programming; Amy Friedman, who will speak about

school-year programming; and Ann Hoey will ask around for someone to tackle Teen Advisory Boards.

The Flume Award will be presented by Lisa Houde and Kirsten Rundquist Corbett.

We'll have a marketing session.

Letty Goerner motioned that Ann Hoey can spend up to \$20 per person for food for catering at LGC. The motion passed.

Letty Goerner motioned to get a Nook Simple Touch™ with GlowLight™ for the raffle prize for those who submit programming templates before the conference registration deadline. The motion passed.

We discussed having another raffle at check-in, as we did last year.

VII. Summer Reading Plans

There is a nation-wide lock-in planned for Friday, August 3, 2012, in keeping with the Own the Night theme.

VIII. YALS Website: Jenn Hosking

The YALS website is now hosted on the NHLA site (a WordPress site). Changes are coming.

IX. From the Floor:

Behavior issues in teen programming and advisory board meetings. We discussed the necessity of staff supervision at all times (two adults is preferable), and the pitfalls of being a small library, where there is insufficient staff.

X. New Books to Share