YALS Meeting Minutes  
January 22nd, 2015  
Local Government Center  
25 Triangle Park Drive  
Concord, NH

In Attendance:
- Barb Ballou – Whipple Free Library
- Sylvie Brikiatis – Nesmith Library
- Jennifer Bryant – Sandown Public Library
- Susanne Cortez – Lebanon Public Library
- Mary Ann Hatab – Pittsfield Middle High School
- Lisa Houde – Rye Public Library
- Ann Hoey – NH State Library
- Donna Hynes – Rochester Public
- Danny Lykansion – Hudson-Rodgers Memorial
- Tanya Robbins – Pease Public / Plymouth
- Jo-Ann Roy – Tracy Library, New London
- Sophie Smith – Nashua Public Library
- Candace Yost – Weeks Public Library
- Gail Zachariah – Keene Public Library

I. Introductions

II. Location and Date of Next Meeting
   Local Government Center, Concord 9:30am, March 26th (pending Ann’s confirmation)

III. Secretary’s Report
   Previous meeting minutes were approved; necessary corrections noted.
   Lisa moved to approve / Gail seconded

IV. President’s Report
   Conversation about online Wild Apricot conference registration tool; Barb will learn to use, and anyone can join with her and Linda. Sylvie indicated she’d be interested, and Barb will set a date with Linda.

V. Vice President / President Elect’s Report
   No report

VI. Treasurer’s Report
   Account balance = $3,573.15 (additional .06 interest included)
   The raffle Fire HD7 reimbursement request was submitted by Donna.
   Note: It’s a good time to join NELA as their fee is only $20

VII. State Report
   The legislature is determining the budget for the next two years.
VIII. Conference Report

- Sylvie is looking into Panera in Plaistow as the caterer; she detailed their conversation about lunch boxes, the creation of our own menu and their flexibility.
- Registration should include the ability for registrant to request dietary restrictions and needs.
- The typical box lunch includes wrap or salad, cookie, apple, and chips at a cost of $10; Sylvie will check into our tax exempt status for a possible discount.
- We will be providing beverages as well as the breakfast foods (YALS members will sign up to make breakfast items at the next meeting).
- Water Street Books in Exeter will be present; Sylvie will inquire about a possible discount as well as whether or not credit cards will be accepted.
- Registration should include mention of the bookseller’s presence to alert attendees to possible shopping opportunity.
- Registration will open during the week of March 2\textsuperscript{nd}.
- Plaistow Public Library is the conference venue – Sophie and Sylvie will be going there to check on the space needs as well as parking availability.
- 80 people is our cap, but room will hold 100 people (seated).
- Conference committee will be meeting; dates will be set.
- Raffle: $1 for 1 ticket / $5 for 6 tickets / Prize is the Fire HD7 Tablet.

Rough Conference Schedule:

9:00 – 9:30  Registration and Refreshments
9:30 – 9:35  Introduction
9:35 – 10:00  First half of the Flume nominees
10:00 – 11:00  Nancy Keene on Technology
11:00 – 11:15  Break
11:15 – 12:00  Ellen Koenig on Grants
12:00 – 12:25  Second half of Flume nominees
12:25 – 12:45  Lunch is collected; attendees head back to their seats
12:45 – 1:30  Nancy Werlin
1:30 – 2:00  Book signing (Sylvie will be asking bookseller to stay until 2:00pm)
2:00 – 3:00  YALS Meeting

IX. Programming

- Kirsten suggested co-presenting/collaborating state award titles with other states. This would be contingent on timing of various states’ award cycles.
- Promoting award titles – consider public radio in which kids discuss the books on air.
- Liz suggested a Tween Roundtable discussing Tween programming.
- Danny is the “go to” guy for Heroes and Gaming for summer reading!
- NH is not participating in the video challenge based on past negative experiences.
- Discussion ensued about combining / not combining The Isinglass and Flume awards and how they overlap, sometimes even with Great Stone Face Titles.
- Suggestion made to present Award titles at the time of Summer Reading school visits.
• Trouble getting titles nominated for Flume; Ann suggested that for every title nominated, a raffle ticket is entered for that person to encourage submissions – possible cash prize of $200 was suggested.
• Flume Meeting will be held on March 17th from 3:00 – 5:00pm at the Merrimack Public Library

X. Policy and Procedures
• This was discussed last meeting; no new information was presented

XI. New Books to Share
1. How it Went Down suggested by Jo-Ann Roy
   Short chapters, interesting point of view – well done, for older teens

2. My True Love Gave to Me suggested by Sophie
   Super sappy, sweet, light happy romantic X-Mas fiction – an interesting new author Sophie hadn’t heard of before.

• Jennifer suggested doing a Zentangle program; she had success with kids using this drawing form
• Need Makerspace ideas? Contact Gail Zachariah or Tanya Robbins
• Cellphone Microscope – curious? Ask Danny about this!

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Houde