

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 2nd
- 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