

YALS Meeting
Local Government Center, Concord NH
March 26th, 2015

9:30 refreshments

Call to order: 10:00

Present: Barb Ballou (New Boston – Whipple Free Lib), Sylvie Brikiatis (Nesmith/Windham), Liz Gotauco (Merrimack), Ann Hoey (NHSL), Lisa Houde (Rye), Danny Lykansion (Hudson-Rodgers Memorial Lib), Donna Hynes (Rochester Public Library), Tanya Robbins (Plymouth – Pease Public Lib), Jo-Ann Roy (New London – Tracy Memorial Lib), Sophie Smith (Nashua), Kathy Watson (Kimball Library/Atkinson), Gail Zachariah (Keane)

Next meeting: Spring Conference on May 7th!

Secretary's Report: Last month's minutes approved.

Presidents report:

- Barb cannot attend the next NHLA meeting, so Gail will go in her place as YALS rep.
- NELA conference
 - NERTCL - should we work with them? Should we wait to prep programs until we know what they're doing? Ann will reach out to Amber to find out what NERCTL already has planned.
 - NELA sent out info for program planning belatedly past two due dates for program planning, so we may have missed the boat anyway.
 - How can we present flume? Are they doing speed book talks for state authors, could we do our state award books instead?
 - Sophie reports they usually are trying to fill spaces for programs at the end so our chance is probably still open.
 - Kirsten Corbett is presenting but unsure how to register. We haven't covered presenter fee in past but should we change this? Established that moving forward, presenters don't need to register or pay fee, and conference chair will follow up with them for lunch choice.

Treasurer's Report:

- Balance of \$3684.21
- Only one actual registration check has come in, but lots of online registrations have been submitted (with checks to follow)
- Balance reflects Kindle purchase.

State Report:

State budget concerns there won't be much to report until the end of the fiscal year in June.

Conference report:

Spring 2015 YALS Conference:

Thursday, May 7, 2015

Plaistow Public Library

85 Main Street, Plaistow, NH 03865

- We have 28 conference registrants so far, and Sylvie will send out more reminders.
- PayPal fee makes purchase tough for some libraries, particularly the convenience fee. Can we just rope this into a total cost in future?
- Caterer all set - Sylvie will front and file for reimbursement
- Need to file for speaker checks
- NHLA requires w9 from speakers over certain price point - all set for Nancy Werlin
- Kathy got some breakfast donated, though we won't know what we're getting until that morning. Sophie will buy boxed coffee and the rest of us signed up for other items (sign-up list at end of notes).
- Need signage for entrance - Sophie will make
- Sylvie will follow up on sound system, and how early we can get in.
- Sylvie will also follow up with bookstore for Flume book purchases, and lunch for speakers
- Barb will pick up raffle tickets, or will hand off that job if she can't attend

New business:

- Teen book awards - what about combining Isinglass and Flume? Pros and cons:
 - Con - tough for schools, esp. junior high who can't justify purchase of mature titles.
 - Pro - less titles
 - kids read up, and tend to nominate mature titles for Isinglass.
 - Can we combine schedules or nominations for less confusion?
 - Discussion was inconclusive and most feel we should keep them separate.
- Nominations for positions
 - Secretary and Vice President positions will be open
 - Fall meeting at NELA would be voting time. We are looking at electronic voting option so the most people have a chance to vote.

- Looking at holding votes in September instead of August since we won't have September meeting. Barb can make up a Google form for voting.
- NHLMA is May 14, for those interested.
- Summer programs to share:
 - Nashua Public Lib ComicCon (open submissions for panels) June 20th (All ages)
 - Breakfast with a Superhero (featuring cosplay guest)
 - Villains vs heroes murder mystery (Nesmith)
 - Graffiti program at Rogers Memorial in Hudson - sidewalk chalk version or spray paint on canvas

New books to share:

Seeker by Dayton (fantasy)

All the Bright Places by Niven (realistic)

Natural History of Dragons (Jane Austen dragon hunter type)

Whippoorwill by local author Joe Monninger (He can do author visits)

Adjourned 11:30 AM

Breakfast list for Spring Conference:

Sophie: Coffee and fruit

Sylvie: tea and hot water

Ann: Fruit

Liz: Yogurt

Barb: Donut holes

Tanya: clementines

Kathy: Panera donations

Candace: Pound cake

Jo-Ann: GF and DF baked goods

Donna: Coffee Cake or muffins

Grace: Cranberry bread

Lisa: baked goods