

YALS Board Meeting
Local Government Center, Concord NH
8/27/15

Call to Order: 10:03 AM

In Attendance: Barb Ballou (New Boston – Whipple Free Lib), Sylvie Brikiatis (Nesmith/Windham), Jennifer Bryant (Sandown Public), Liz Gotauco (Merrimack), Ann Hoey (NHSL), Kate Kenyon (Baker Free Lib), Julia Lanter (Exeter Public), Grace Larochelle (Hooksett Public), Danny Lykansion (Hudson-Rodgers Memorial Lib), Tanya Robbins (Plymouth – Pease Public Lib), Gail Zachariah (Keene Public)

Next Meeting: 11/19 @ LGC per room availability. The board decided we won't be providing snack anymore but encourages people to bring something if they need to eat. We will still meet at 9:30 AM for some networking time, with a 10 AM start.

Secretary's Report: March minutes approved.

President's Report: Barb reported that NHLA is encouraging each section to provide a basket for the NELA raffle in October. Since YALS is co-sponsoring a program, we decided not to purchase any new goods for a raffle basket, but if we're able to get donated items we can put together one.

Treasurer's Report: \$3653 balance as of today.

State Report:

Flume timeline: There's some confusion about new timeline and concern that there's not enough time w/new school year to get things together for Teen Read Week. We may have low turnout for votes this year, but we can reassess with another year behind us. YALS members should connect with their school librarians to make sure they know what the new timeline is. Ann is away 9/8-9/24 so she needs sub to do Flume reminders, including NHSLMA list. This might be a good outreach opportunity for public librarians to help schools to participate during this busy time of year. Deadline for Flume votes is October 23. Barb will take over reminders for Ann.

Conference Report:

Update on the NELA Icebreaker event: In coordination with the Advocacy committee, this event will be open to all Sunday attendees with free apps and a cash bar. YALS is looking at a contribution of up to \$500 for apps. The theme is "All About the Book" so people are invited to represent a book to book talk. Board decided each of us can rep our fave Flume winner to book talk (any year). Sylvie is talking to state about finding additional sponsor for food costs and to have several things to raffle at the program. YALS members are encouraged to invite other librarians (from all over New England) to rep their own award books, and children's librarians can pick a children's award book to rep etc.

Upcoming YALS conferences: We will go back to fall conference for 2016 and we should start discussing plans at November meeting.

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Other News:

Elections: Bylaws say we need to vote for officers "at fall meeting" - but we're nervous that attendance from YALS members may be too low for a vote. We will prepare an absentee ballot that can be sent to Sylvie via delivery van or mail. We'll open the ballots at the fall meeting to add to present attendee voting.

Website: Jo-Ann should check on Google calendar as there's been some funky notifications going on. This was also an issue for other divisions of NHLA, so we will bring this to board meeting NHLA on October 13.

Summer Reading feedback:

- Several libraries seeing shift of less participants but as a group they're doing more reading. Yay?
- Nashua ComicCon was huge, great turnout, successful and Nashua was happy with it.
- *Programs:* Some found the usual successful programs had less draw and unexpected programs had big draw. Zentangle was popular at Pease Public, cardboard box maze in Hudson children's room proved popular for teens. Keene offered free breakfast and lunch program and Midnight Madness programs are still popular at Keene, New Boston and Merrimack.

New books:

We All Looked Up (end of world novel)

Afterworlds (realistic fic meets paranormal)

Everything Everything (realistic fic - pre-published)

Nimona (graphic novel)

Adjourned at 11:15 AM