

YALS Board Meeting
Local Government Center, Concord NH
11/19/15

Call to Order: 10:08 AM

In Attendance: Barb Ballou (New Boston – Whipple Free Lib), Sylvie Brikiatis (Nesmith/Windham), Jennifer Bryant (Sandown Public), Liz Gotauco (Merrimack), Ann Hoey (NHSL), Donna Hynes (Rochester PL), Danny Lykansion (Hudson-Rodgers Memorial Lib), Tanya Robbins (Plymouth – Pease Public Lib), Gail Zachariah (Keene Public)

Next Meeting: 1/28/16 @ LGC per room availability.

Secretary's Report: August minutes approved.

President's Report: Barb was unable to attend the NELA/NHLA meeting but did submit an annual report. We have 99 members as of this meeting. NELA Icebreaker event went well and lots of librarians attended. YALS didn't have to pay for anything besides the Flume books which was a nice surprise.

Treasurer's Report: \$3668.26 balance as of today.

State Report:

- *Flume* – Votes were low as was expected and there is still a lot of dissatisfaction from school librarians due to business of fall (voting time) and being unable to order the new nominees due to budgets run dry at year's end. But timeline change was partly to give public libraries control to pump the titles over the summer, which did go well. One way we hope to keep involvement in the list is to leave the nomination form up year round so we can keep submitting teen selected titles. Titles that are recommended by the nomination deadline will be considered for that year, and those that come after will simply be saved for the next year's nominations.
- Committee approved reimbursement to Ann for Flume Wikispaces costs.
- We discussed adding teens' feedback to wiki reviews (added by a librarian, not adding permission to wiki for teens to edit). This was generally a favorable idea.

Conference Report:

- Conference 2016 will take place Sept 22nd 2016
- Location needed: LGC is the most favorable option at the moment due to low cost. We will tentatively book LGC but will look into new options. A western area spot would be nice as we haven't been there in awhile. Keene may be an option.
- We are looking into authors for guest speakers, and will reach out to publishers to see if they have someone who meets our needs.

- Feedback from last conference: We had lots of requests for a panel on teen programs so that will be the focus. We're looking into a moderated panel w/ reps from small, medium, large libraries, which will include lots of times for questions/answers and ideas from the house. This conference may also be an opportunity for a Flume presentation on how to encourage/promote votes and how to collect them. Timing wouldn't be right for a Flume Book talk but requests came in for an Isinglass booktalk option instead.

Other News:

- *Elections:* We had very few absentee ballots come in. But with present voters, new board members passed: Danny Lykansion for VP and Liz Gotauco to continue as secretary. Gail was sworn in as new president with Barb moving on to past-pres.
- *Website:* Jo-Ann is stepping down from webmaster role, and Barb has offered to take that on in conjunction w/past-pres duties. This will include updating the new board and the Flume information.

New books:

Carry on

Imposter queen (2016 pub)

Wolf Wilder

Everything, Everything

Body in the Woods and sequel

Orbiting Jupiter

Wrath and the Dawn

Challenger Deep won youth NBA

Adjourned at 11:45 AM