

YALS Meeting - Local Government Center

8/30/2016 – Meeting Called to Order at 10:00a.m.

In Attendance: Grace Larochelle (Hooksett Public Library) Jennifer Bryant (Sandown Public Library) Caity Spencer (Bedford Public Library) Julia Lanter (Exeter Public Library) Susanne Cortez (Lebanon Public Library) Ann Hoey (NH State Library) Gail Zachariah (Keene Public Library) Barb Ballou (Whipple Free Library) Sylvie Brikiatis (Nesmith Public Library) Donna Hynes (Rochester Public Library)

Next meeting: September 22nd – Annual Meeting and Conference at Local Government Center. Our next meeting after that will be on November 17th at Local Government Center

Secretary's report: Previous minutes approved from May.

Action Items: Minutes approved.

President's Report: Gail has been working on the YALS Conference and has 36 people signed up so far. Gail will be clarifying with NHLA on the credit card situation in relation to registration. Elections will be held at the conference in September. Donna will be the Treasurer again and Tanya Ricker (Pease Library, Plymouth) will be Vice President.

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Vice President's Report: Nothing to report on at this time.

Treasurer's Report: The YALS balance is \$3,973.86. Five new memberships were added in May, and two memberships in June.

State Report: Ann informed us that the Flume Wiki subscription is up for renewal and the price is going up to \$100 from \$50. All agreed this was just fine as it is an excellent service that we utilize. Nine libraries had visits from the Bruins this summer and the Bruins will be surprising the big winners soon. Support will be continued from the Bruins next summer. All librarians are welcome and encouraged to give feedback on their visits and encounters with working with the Bruins. Ann will contact the libraries of the winners very soon. Ann is also offering the Children's Book Review on November 7th -10th. The CHILIS Fall Conference will be on October 27th.

Fall conference: The Fall Conference will be held on September 22nd at Local Government Center in Concord. There will be three panels: one on passive programming, one on gaming, and the third on engaging teen volunteers and forming a Teen Advisory Board. Book talks will be done by several different speakers and will be limited to 5 minutes for each book and should aim for 3 minutes. Ann emailed the bookstore for books by Ellen Oh and they may not have any of her previous books. If they can only provide the one book, the bookstore may not send a person to man the table for the duration of the conference.

Games by Playdate will be on the gaming panel and will sell games afterwards.

Ellen Oh, our main speaker, will be flying into Manchester the night before. We will be paying her \$1,750 without travel or lodging. Airfare is \$228.20. The hotel will be close to the airport and will not cost more than \$250. Sylvie may be picking her up.

The raffle display will be made by Susanne Cortes, our VP and we will be doing the CHILIS format for the raffle. We'll be contacting those who did the CHILIS raffle for details.

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and panelists – one week ahead of time is just fine. Nametags are needed for this conference with name and library, too.

Ann will bring some free books for attendees to take home.

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Spring Conference NHLA: Let NHLA know what you want to see for the Spring 2017 NHLA Conference. They are currently calling for ideas and we should send any and all we can think of. Some ideas we brainstormed were: what needs can we meet that we currently are not meeting for teens and programming geared toward older teens. Everyone is encouraged to put all of their ideas forth to NHLA right away.

Flume and Isinglass Awards: We will be announcing the winner at the NHLA business meeting on November 3rd. After the meeting, we will start calling for nominations for next year's awards.

Summer Reading: Sylvie at Nesmith: Had Christopher Grace, mentalist, for her kickoff event and had 66 teens there. She recommends him, despite him being expensive. Did a live Clue game, which was easy to set up and the kids absolutely loved. Sylvie will put up/send out directions on how to do live Clue as everyone was interested. Sylvie also tried Breakout and recommends having two boxes to make it a competition for the kids.

Julia at Exeter highly recommended getting eggsperts if you have an active trivia or Jeopardy crowd at your library. They are wireless buzzers that teams of kids can use, so that every time isn't a debate on who raised their hand first. Also, buzzers can be turned off if you need to give others a turn, which is helpful.

Interactive movies were discussed and Julia recommended doing a Harry Potter one with cupcakes that had the house colors on it, so kids can be sorted that way. She also has done a Star Wars (Force Awakens) where cupcakes were made with red or green icing inside, so kids can be sorted into sides.

Gail mostly does restaurant coupons for summer reading prizes.

New Books:

Challenger Deep by Neal Shusterman