

YALS Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 23, 2018 at 10:00 AM
New Hampshire Municipal Association, Concord

In attendance: Maryjo Siergiej (Smyth Public Library, Candia), Julia Lanter (Exeter Public Library), Alex Graves (Manchester City Library), Ashlee Lykansion (Nashua Public Library), Barb Ballou (Whipple Free Library, New Boston), Tanya Ricker (Pease Public Library, Plymouth), Donna Hynes (Rochester Public Library), Katherine Bollenbach (Salisbury Free Library)

Next meeting: Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 10:00 AM (Fall Conference), New Hampshire Municipal Association

May minutes were approved.

President's Report (Tanya Ricker)

No report.

Vice-President's Report (Julia Lanter)

- The NHLA annual meeting is May 9-10, 2019. They are looking for ideas for panels. We will put the ideas we generated at the last meeting out to the membership as a survey to find out what people are looking for.
- NHLA is looking at increasing their membership fees, as they have been the same for at least twelve years.
- There is a movement to create a Google Drive for each NHLA section to organize, store, and easily access section documents.

Secretary's Report (Alex Graves)

Alex is looking for STEM/STEAM resources (fiction, nonfiction, websites, etc.) for the conference handouts; those can be emailed to agraves@manchesternh.gov no later than September 7th.

Treasurer's Report (Donna Hynes)

The current balance is \$3,110.76. YALS paid \$2,500 to Kwame Alexander for the conference, and received \$35 in deposits (memberships).

Website Report (Barb Ballou)

No report.

Isinglass & Flume Report (Katherine Bollenbach)

Katherine will be sending out an email to get people excited about the award. Julia suggested linking it with Teens' Top Ten.

New Business

- YALS sent a letter to Jeanne Shaheen to thank her for her support of libraries.
- Nominations for Vice-President are still open. Tanya will email the listserv to solicit names.

Old Business - Fall Conference

- Volunteers were assigned for various conference duties.
- The raffle will be split between two gift cards - \$50 for Target and \$50 for Amazon.
- Reviewed and approved registration, lunch options, and the post-conference survey.
- Tweaked the schedule to allow more time for lunch.
- Deborah Dutcher will not be able to attend and has no free books to be given out. Members can check with local booksellers or bring library donations if possible. Other ideas for freebies were discussed.
 - Possibility for next year: a “supply swap” where attendees can trade old supplies for something new-to-them.

Books/Programs to Share

- Ashlee shared about Nashua's Harry Potter birthday party, which had nearly 500 attendees. There were escape rooms, Pottermore in the computer lab, make your own wand, make and take crafts, photo ops, and games. They spent about \$300 and made a lot of things themselves.
- Maryjo had a Gears! Gears! Gears! box, which was really easy to use. Her teens also did movie making on an iPad and they loved it - they made book trailers.
- Barb had the music-themed “King's Muse” escape room and a Harry Potter murder mystery.

Minutes submitted by Alex Graves, 08/31/2018