

## YALS Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 31, 2019 at 10:00 AM

HealthTrust, Concord

Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM.

**In attendance:** Katherine Bollenbach (Belmont Public Library/Salisbury Free Library), Maryjo Siergiej (Smyth Public Library, Candia), Julia Lanter (Exeter Public Library), Alex Graves (Manchester City Library), Deborah Dutcher (NHSL), Katharine Gatcomb (Portsmouth Public Library), Justine Fafara (Walpole Town Library), Sylvie Brikiatis (Nesmith Library, Windham)

**Next meeting:** Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 10:00 AM, HealthTrust

November minutes were approved.

### **President's Report** (Julia Lanter)

Report items are discussed below.

### **Vice-President's Report** (Katharine Gatcomb)

Report items are discussed below. Katharine has a new email address ([kegatcomb@cityofportsmouth.com](mailto:kegatcomb@cityofportsmouth.com)).

### **Treasurer's Report** (Donna Hynes via email)

Balance as of the end of December is \$4,332.73. There was a deposit of \$105 (membership dues) and interest of \$.04.

### **State Library Report** (Deborah Dutcher)

- NHSLMA & NHLA conferences coming up, will focus on state book awards.
- NHLTA conference focus is Teens in Libraries with Maine Youth Services - looking for ideas.
- Will attend meetings for Spark NH, the governor-appointed early childhood advocacy council. They are looking to start more professional development for youth services librarians, with teen themes starting in fall.
- Intentional Family Engagement Initiative: Supercharged storytimes are going on now. Grants are being submitted for funding for yoga storytimes, Mother Goose on the Loose, social emotional training, sensory storytimes, music therapy, stork storytimes, and eat/play/grow. Middle school and teen themes will be added.
- Center for Childhood Creativity at the Bay Area Discovery Museum hopes to expand the work they are doing with California libraries to other states. [More information](#).
- The [2019 Kids, Books and the Arts application](#) is due March 25. We are invited to pass on 2020 artist applications to performers we would recommend.
- YALSA/COSLA IMLS-funded Transforming Teen Services train the trainer program is expected to happen in October/November.
- CSLP has an [artwork licensing survey](#) for those who wish to offer feedback.

- A grant was written for Welcoming Library, which was approved, but the check was made out incorrectly—waiting for a new one.

### **Website Report** (Barb Ballou)

Alex will assume duties temporarily while Barb is out for surgery.

### **Isinglass/Flume Report** (Katherine Bollenback/Justine Fafara)

Changes to make to website:

- Make link to wiki more accessible.
- Get rid of book awards dropdown; instead put more information in main book awards page.
- Add to timeline when committee chair will submit titles to spring conference committee.

Meeting to vote on Isinglass/Flume titles for 2020 will be March 14, 2019 at 10:00 AM, HealthTrust.

### **NHLA Spring Conference 2019**

YALS is submitting two programs:

- 2019 Flume & Isinglass Award Presentation
- Teen Services in New Hampshire: An Introduction, featuring Maura McGowan of NH Teen Institute and Robert Rodler, Adolescent Program Specialist for NHHS

The board agreed to pay for mileage and meals for presenters of the second program—voted on and approved.

### **YALS Fall Conference 2019**

MT Anderson, recipient of the 2019 Edwards Award, is available to speak about writing in New England and the regionality that goes into it. His fee is \$1,000. Voted and approved to hire.

Debbie Reese was open to coming, but the time of year is ceremonial to her tribe. We may be able to invite her to the next NHLA/NELA conference. Her fee is \$1,000 plus travel from New Mexico.

Other program possibilities:

- Programming-focused presentations
- Writing workshops (can reach out to Erin Robinson)
- Kidlit603 / Center for the Book
- Readers' Advisory
- Teen Poetry Slam
- Chessy Prout

## New Business

- *Google Drive* - Login information was shared for the NHLA Google Drive, where all our official documents will be stored. Documents must go into the YALS section. We also have access to the spring conference section.
- *Social Media* - Maryjo Siergiej volunteered to serve as the YALS social media coordinator. She will connect with Azra Karabegoic, NHLA social media coordinator, to get started. We also established a hashtag for our book awards, #nhteenbookaward, which was voted on and approved.
- *NHLA Changeover of Officers* - NHLA officers now transition at the start of the calendar year. Voted and approved to make this change with YALS as well. Will need to edit the bylaws, which would be voted on at the fall membership meeting.
- *NHLA Conference Manual* - Voted and approved to adopt the new NHLA conference manual. Adapting appropriate sections of the bylaws will need to be voted on at the fall membership meeting.
- *Scripps Homeschool Spelling Bee* - Pending CLNH decision to co-sponsor, voted and approved to co-sponsor annually. Current fee to sponsor is \$160.

## Books/Programs to Share

- Maryjo does lots of cupcake decorating, which has the kids coming back
- Julia described Fortnite in Real Life (live action version of computer program)
- Sylvie talked about zombie tag
- Katherine has been reading *The Witch Doesn't Burn in This One*, and Ursula Le Guin's final poems
- Justine loves *Anger is a Gift*
- Maryjo has been enjoying *Dumplin'* and *Puddin'* on audio
- Sylvie described her blind date with a book, "the pickup artist," which uses the first line of books

Meeting adjourned 11:32 AM.

Minutes submitted by Alex Graves, 02/06/2019