

## **YALS Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, August 29, 2019 at 10:00 AM

HealthTrust, Concord

Meeting called to order at 10:01 AM.

**In attendance:** Maryjo Siergiej (Chester Public Library), Julia Lanter (Exeter Public Library), Lydia Beller-McKenna (Exeter Public Library), Claire Beihl (Weeks Public Library, Greenland), Alex Graves (Manchester City Library), Ashlee Lykansion (Nashua Public Library), Barb Ballou (Whipple Free Library, New Boston), Katharine Gatcomb (Portsmouth Public Library), Donna Hynes (Rochester Public Library), Jennifer Hartshorn (Seabrook Library), Azra Palo (Nesmith Library, Windham)

**Annual meeting:** Thursday, September 26, 2019 (Fall Conference), HealthTrust

**Next Executive Board meeting:** Thursday, November 7, 2019 at 10:00 AM, HealthTrust

May minutes were approved.

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

Julia thanked everyone for their work over the year. Board members were reminded to update their YALS binders and put relevant documents on the YALS Google drive. The board voted to keep meetings at HealthTrust for the upcoming year.

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

Report will be covered under conference.

### **Secretary's Report** (Alex Graves)

Proposed bylaws changes were discussed. The board decided to merge the social media and website positions into one Media Chair, and decided on two-year terms for the Media Chair and Teen Awards Chair.

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

The treasury balance is \$4,766.38, with \$870 in deposits (\$840 for conference registrations, \$15 in dues). Donna will put the check for M.T. Anderson through, and wait on final numbers before getting the check for Brown Bag.

### **Website/Social Media Report** (Barb Ballou, Alex Graves & Maryjo Siergiej)

Reminders need to go out several times the week that registration is closing (the cutoff is 9/12).

### **Isinglass/Flume Report**

Graphic designer Julia Leonard came up with several prototypes for new Isinglass and Flume logos. Option "C" was selected as the favorite. Spine label stickers with the new logos will go in the conference folders, and Alex will get them on the website for easy access.

## **YALS Fall Conference 2019**

After a discussion of paid and discounted conference registration, the board agreed that Executive Board members will continue to pay for registration, but that NH State Library representatives may attend for free.

Volunteers were assigned for raffle tickets, registration, food, and technology/sound. Discussions followed of raffle ticket prices for the \$50 Target and Amazon gift cards; logistics of getting additional food; and getting name tags and folders. Alex will prepare thank you notes.

## **CLNH**

Azra Palo from CLNH visited to discuss ways to bridge the gap between CLNH and YALS. Some of the ideas discussed were having YALS present its book awards at the CHILIS spring conference; creating liaisons between the sections; and joining forces on awards committees. The board will revisit these ideas in November.

## **Books/Programs to Share**

- Maryjo had a bottle rocket program that went well.
- Ashlee talked up her white board-top tables, and Azra made the point that this can also be done with chalkboard paint.
- A general discussion about when teens don't show up for programs, and the challenge of making connections with teens.

Meeting adjourned at 11:37 AM.

Minutes submitted by Alex Graves, 08/30/2019