

YALS Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 30, 2020 at 10:00 AM

Whipple Free Library, New Boston

Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM.

In Attendance: Jenn Hartshorn (Seabrook Library), John Locke (Meredith Public Library), Erin Robinson (Derry Public Library), Alex Graves (Manchester City Library), Lydia Beller-McKenna (Exeter Public Library), Julia Lanter (Exeter Public Library), Katharine Gatcomb (Portsmouth Public Library), Barb Ballou (Whipple Free Library, New Boston), Cheryl Rasmussen (Stephenson Memorial Library, Greenfield), David Bridgewater (Stephenson Memorial Library, Greenfield), Deborah Dutcher (New Hampshire State Library), Maryjo Siergiej (Chester Public Library)

Next Executive Board meeting: Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 10:00 AM – Portsmouth Public Library, Portsmouth

November meeting minutes were approved.

President's Report (Katharine Gatcomb)

No report.

Vice-President's Report (Alex Graves)

No report.

Secretary's Report (Jennifer Hartshorn)

No report.

Treasurer's Report (Donna Hynes in absentia)

The current balance is \$5,914.92. \$50.00 in dues and \$.05 in interest.

Website/Social Media Report (Barb Ballou and Maryjo Siergiej)

No report.

State Library Report (Deborah Dutcher)

Deborah talked about the Summer Learning Grant for up to \$500.00. T-3 training will happen in Durham in March, in April in Lebanon and in May in Conway. On May 29th there will be a training by the Eric Carle Museum – Open Book, Open Play. The cost to attend will be \$20.00.

Teen Awards Report (Justine Fafara)

Justine said that things are going well. People are reading and the meeting to pare down the list will be on March 19, 2020 and will be held at Goffstown Public Library. The long list has 72 titles. Lydia reached out to several publishers and was able to get numerous

copies of some of the nominees to hand out at the meeting. Jen Petro-Roy, author of one of our nominees, *Good Enough*, is a friend of Justine's. We discussed putting out a press release about her book being one of our nominees this year. Justine made a motion to publish the long list of nominees in February and the short list of nominees in May, when the award is announced. The vote was all in favor and the motion was passed.

New Business

- We discussed whether or not we should have our Fall Conference since NELA will be held in NH this year. Part of this discussion was about how great a NH presence will be at NELA. Justine suggested a mini-conference with an author as speaker and Julia suggested that T-3 training be built around the author visit. A motion was made that we host a regular Fall YALS Conference and put in a proposal for a YALS panel at NELA. The vote was all in favor and the motion was passed.
- There are currently five Girls Who Code locations in NH. Each club receives \$150.00. With more clubs added, the amount of money received will increase. The motion was made for YALS to officially sponsor Girls Who Code. The vote was all in favor and the motion passed.
- A discussion was held on whether or not to include teens on the Flume and Isinglass Award committees. How would we choose teens (librarian/teacher recommendations, would they be sponsored by a librarian)? The teens would be voting members of the committee and would have an equal voice. Six students would be chosen, three middle schoolers, three high schoolers. The question was asked about meeting attendance for the students. Having a librarian sponsor was suggested. The sponsor would agree to help telecommunicate to the meeting. Justine motioned for teens to be added to the committee. The vote was all in favor and the motion passed.
- Discussion progressed to whether or not we want a vetting process for the committee and what are the criteria for book nominees. Justine will collect information from other state award committees and bring to the next meeting.
- YALS Fall Conference will be a full day. We are going to check out the Hooksett Public Library as a potential location for the conference. Some suggestions for the conference were: portable escape rooms (possibly themed on books), having an author speak.

Old Business

- Joint meeting with CLNH to discuss 4th, 5th, 6th grade bridge programs, GSF/Isinglass crossover.

Books/Programs to Share

- Justine loved Come Find Me.
- Deborah recommended Seamless Youth Services Every Age and Stage.
- Kat loved the House of Salt and Sorrows by Erin Craig. A retelling of the Twelve Dancing Princesses with ghosts and mystery.
- Barb has a D & D group starting up weekly, 4-6. Teens bring their own food.
- Maryjo has a new Bullet Journal group and will be hosting a Teen DIY hour during February vacation.
- John talked about beat Mr. John at airplanes, origami, trivia
- Lydia talked about a stop motion animation class, monthly escape room program where the kids make their own escape room and have their parents do it, make your own snack program.
- Kat shared about her Harry Potter Escape Room. They had three full sessions!!

Meeting adjourned at 11:29 AM.

Minutes submitted by Jennifer Hartshorn, 3/11/2020