

**YALS Meeting Minutes**  
Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 10:00 AM  
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Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM.

**In Attendance:** Jenn Hartshorn (Seabrook Library), Dan Bunker (Blaisdell Memorial Library, Nottingham), Julia Lanter (Exeter Public Library), Alex Graves (Manchester City Library), Mary Beth McQuaid (Ingalls Memorial Library, Rindge), Lydia Beller-McKenna (Exeter Public Library), Barb Ballou (Whipple Free Library, New Boston), Justine Fafara (Walpole Town Library), Kathy Watson (Kimball Library, Atkinson), Deborah Dutcher (New Hampshire State Library), Maryjo Siergiej (Chester Public Library), Julie Benson (Dunbar Free Library, Grantham), Azra Palo (Nesmith Library, Windham), Brittany Shanahan (Hall Memorial Library, Tilton/Northfield), Lynn Richardson (Aaron Cutler Memorial Library, Litchfield), Susan Dansereau (Gafney Library, Inc., Sanbornville), Daniele Guest (Kimball Library, Atkinson), Katherine Bollenbach (Salisbury Free Library), Jessie Tanner (Blaisdell Memorial Library, Nottingham), Katharine Gatcomb (Portsmouth Public Library)

**Next Executive Board Meeting:** Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 10:00 AM – Portsmouth Public Library, Portsmouth

January 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)  
Balance is \$6,305.02 with a deposit of \$105 (dues)

**Website/Social Media Report** (Barb Ballou and Maryjo Siergiej)  
No report.

**State Library Report** (Deborah Dutcher)  
Deborah will be updating the NH Youth Services blog and Outstandinglibrarian.org, so that they can be used as a resource for virtual programming. She also said that not knowing how long social distancing and quarantines will continue with the COVID 19 pandemic, YSCON and CSLP are exploring ways to best manage virtual summer reading programs.

**Teen Awards Report** (Justine Fafara)

The Flume and Isinglass Award shortlists are ready. Justine will create Google Docs for the 2019/2020 virtual voting and get the 20/21 shortlists out to everyone. She also put out a call for new committee members for the 21/22 committee. We discussed creating video book talks on the current nominees to post on our library social media. Kat said that she had done some for *When Dimple Met Rishi* and *The Backstagers, Vol. 1* and will send them to Maryjo.

## **New Business**

- Justine announced that the Flume/Isinglass Committee has created new guidelines for the short lists. She read through the new guidelines and highlighted some of the new criteria. The committee worked with the GSF committee this year to prevent overlap between the lists and will continue to do so.
- Kat went over the 2021 budget. Donna was not at the meeting but suggested that we use the same numbers as last year. There was a discussion about keeping the income line the same as last year (dues & conference registration). We discussed how the COVID-19 pandemic might cause a decrease in the Fall Conference attendance. It was decided to split the difference, making the income budget line \$2,000, miscellaneous expenses \$350. It was asked if the budget would pass with our income being lower than our expenditures. Alex suggested using money in the bank to offset the budget deficit. Justine motioned to accept the budget and Barb seconded. All voted to accept.
- We decided to collect resources on COVID-19 for teens and put them in a Google Doc. Barb and Maryjo will post these resources.

## **Old Business**

- Kat went over a quick recap of the CLNH/YALS collaboration survey. We decided that we would hold off on planning a joint conference due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We will revisit this idea at a later date. The CLNH Spring Conference will not be held this year.
- YALS is submitting three proposals for the 2020 NELA Conference. Kat provided a copy of one that is entitled Creating a Podcast which will be presented by Erin Moulton and Courtney Wason. Justine will be submitting a proposal for a panel on New England Teen Book Awards. Kat will be submitting a proposal for a panel on Tween Services titled Stuck in the Middle. Jenn motioned to submit the proposals to NELA. Barb seconded. All voted in favor.
- We discussed ideas for the Fall YALS Conference. We will be doing Escape Rooms and Deborah and Bobbi will be leading a workshop on Connective Learning. We hope to have Julie Dao as our guest author. She has written the *Rise of the Empress* duology as well as its follow up novel, *The Crimson Flower*.

## **Books/Programs to Share**

- Kat had a virtual TAB meeting.
- Maryjo just finished *Somewhere Only We Know*.
- Lydia is starting an Instagram program on April 1<sup>st</sup> for Poetry Month.
- Justine is reading the sequel to *One of Us Is Lying*, *One of Us Is Next*, and says she is not loving it, Kat agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:26 AM.

Minutes submitted by Jennifer Hartshorn, 3/31/2020