

Youth Services Section
Executive Board Meeting
March 13, 2017

The Executive Board met for the fifth meeting of the 2016-2017 Biennium at the Hope Mills Branch Library in Hope Mills at 12 noon. Attending were: Chair Tanika Martin, Sec/Treasurer Helen Yamamoto, Scholarship Director Julianne Dunn, NCCBA Chair Janet West, Director Juli Moore, PLS Representative Joan Sherif, and Director Leslie Schultz (by telephone).

Agenda

Tanika called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. Tanika moved that December minutes be approved, and Helen seconded. The motion passed.

Budget

Helen reported the YSS account balance is \$12,948.45, as of December 2016.

The board discussed how to use the funds and decided to create a grant opportunity for maker kits available to smaller N.C. counties. The kits will have a plaque showing it was awarded by the Youth Services Section. Tanika mentioned that TechTerra Company pre-made maker kits cost \$400-500 per kit.

Helen will email the Board with a budget for the maker kits.

Tanika will look into a possible partnership with NCLA's Rural Libraries Section.

Julianne will send the Board the information and requirements for the application for last year's Lego grant.

Juli will work on the eligibility requirements for application for the maker kit grant.

NCLA Conference Proposals

The group read and considered the seven proposals submitted for NCLA Conference YSS presentations.

Leadership Institute Project

Wilson County Teen and Reference Librarian Leslie Schultz shared ideas for her Leadership Institute Project. She is interested in expanding the YSS's role in providing resources for librarians who serve teens.

Leslie's ideas	Board suggestions
Setting up a listserv for teens, similar to NC Kids	Contact Lori Special: acquire a list of NC librarians serving teens; avoid duplication of NC Kids
Hosting a Teen Summit Conference for librarians	Could set this up as part of 2018 YSS Retreat; Could eventually have one for teen librarians at different locations; Host a webinar to make teen librarians aware
Running a blog that includes a spotlight on teen	Survey librarians to get input on what they

librarians and programs and includes a resource page with authors, etc.	need; Create an ad hoc group of content providers—the YSS table at NCLA Conference would be a great way to do this
Running a Pinterest page	
Running a mentor program	Build a team of mentors throughout the state—Contact LAMS for ideas on how to do this; Host a speed mentoring seminar at NCLA Conference

Leslie will email the Board when she has decided how she will proceed.

PLS

Joan reported that PLS is interested in collaborating with YSS on hosting an author at NCLA, including providing financial support.

NCLA Conference

The Board decided to contact Kelly Starling Lyons to speak on diversity in children’s literature at the YSS luncheon. YSS will also ask her to participate in an author panel at the YSS wine and cheese social.

Joan reminded the group that Thursday is the best day to have our luncheon and wine and cheese social, since that is the day NCLA primarily devotes to YS events.

Lori is interested in hosting a pre-Conference session on Supercharged Storytime with the possibility of participants telling a story at the wine and cheese social.

The deadline to have presenter names and topics to NCLA is March 17.

Janet will contact Ms. Lyons with the proposal.

Helen will see what YSS paid Ms. Lyons last time she spoke at NCLA.

Helen will email Lori to find out who else is involved with diverse books in an effort to identify additional authors for the wine and cheese social.

Helen will email the Board with the author/members of The Brown Bookshelf website, devoted to promoting Black authors.

The Board read over NCLA proposals for YSS sponsored sections and discussed. Four proposals were selected to present:

Vroom

Nest Access (student accounts)

Thrifty Teen

Kindergarten Readiness Programs

Tanika will let Mary Scanlon know who the Board selected and ask when abstracts should be submitted.

Tanika will notify proposal writers who have been selected.

Changes to YSS Board

Tanika would like all board members to provide 1-2 ideas of what has been essential to us and how the experience of serving on YSS has impacted us. Include our impression of how the YSS has impacted youth services staff across North Carolina.

Tanika hopes the YSS Board will maintain the energy and passion shown over the past two years and that the section will be just as productive going forward.

Juli has earned a promotion and will be leaving the YSS Board. (Congratulations!) She will continue serving until October. The board will discuss her replacement at the June meeting and will recruit in July.

Upcoming Meetings

The December meeting will need to be moved to another location. **Tanika will check with Lori to see if we can meet at the State Library.**

Adjournment

Helen proposed adjournment and Tanika seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Meetings are usually held quarterly on the 2nd Monday of the month, from 12 to 3 p.m.

June 5 – Holly Springs Library/Cultural Center

August 21 – Southeast Regional Library in Garner

December 11 – State Library (to be confirmed by Tanika)

Respectfully submitted

Helen Yamamoto, Secretary Treasurer