

Youth Services Section
Executive Board Meeting
December 12, 2017

The Executive Board met for the first meeting of the 2018-2019 Biennium at the State Library of North Carolina in Raleigh at 12 noon. Attending were: Chair Meg Smith, Past-Chair Tanika Martin, Sec/Treasurer Helen Yamamoto, NCCBA Chair Janet West, Director Julianne Dunn, and State Youth Services Consultant Jasmine Rockwell. Vice Chair Lisa Donaldson and Director Jen Pace attended by Google Hangouts.

Agenda

Meg called the meeting to order at 12:28 p.m. Tanika moved that October minutes be approved, and Helen seconded. The motion passed.

Budget

Helen reported the YSS account balance is \$13,142.53 as of September 30.

New Board Members

Incoming Board members introduced themselves. **Tanika will ask former past-chair Debbie Shreve for the Board position descriptions. Helen will send out a list of voting Board members to the Board.**

Meg's Vision

Meg shared her vision for the YSS over the 2018-2019 biennium.

- Building awareness of YSS through collaboration with other sections and organizations
- Collaborations among section Board members
- Supporting members and meeting their needs

Meg also has an interest in ensuring all Board members have an opportunity to contribute equally.

Conference Reflections

Benefits: Great sections, networking. The group discussed the need to communicate with other sections during the planning process to avoid overlap of themes. Board members speculated that the audience for the YSS luncheon was small because there were similar themes/speakers in some breakout sessions and in other sections' luncheons.

Other suggestions include calling the luncheon a "fundraiser" to encourage participation from YSS members and designating the Wine and Cheese Social as a "scholarship fundraiser".

State Library Update

Jasmine reported on State Library happenings.

Jasmine attended a national YALSA meeting at which there was much discussion of the recently-released, updated Teen Services Competencies. The Competencies apply to all front-line staff working directly with teens. There are webinars on each competency coming out

starting in March. The State Library will send information about these through the NCKids listserv. (Note: the current president of YALSA is UNC Chapel Hill professor Sandra Hughes-Hassell.)

The Librarian to Librarian Networking Summit is February 24 in Greenville, NC, at ECU. The Summit targets school media specialists, but they are interested in more collaboration with public libraries.

The State Library may ask YSS to be involved in an assessment of youth services library staff across the state. They may pick someone to oversee the project, which will include an online survey, focus groups, and town hall-type meetings with parents, teachers, and teens. One goal is to get input from underserved/unserved populations. An afterschool organization, the NCCAP published a “Roadmap of Need” that identifies service gaps. The goal date for completion of this assessment is the end of April.

The state library is planning early literacy workshops with Saroj Ghoting.

YSS Training

Tanika shared the observation that youth services staff often cannot leave their branches and that web-based training options are needed. She has an interest in teen-focused training, in particular, including brain development.

A mentorship program matching library staff across the state with similar focus areas of service is another option.

2018 YSS Retreat

The Retreat will be October 18-19, 2018.

Jen will email the Board with the current number of YSS members.

Helen will resend the minutes with the discussion about our last retreat.

Some recollections include:

- Repeating the breakout sessions two times to allow attendance at different age groups.
- More networking/down time.
- Extending to 3 p.m. on day two.
- More structure to the breakout sessions.

Tanika’s theme is “Youth centered, Library focused”, with the idea that staff serving youth need to be well-versed in other areas, as well. Subjects for sessions include:

- Serving *everyone*
- Collaboration and support
- Marketing – how to write intriguing program descriptions; how to select popular topics
- Partnering with others while still retaining our identity
- Maker kit presentations (as required from the recipients of the Maker Kit Grant)
- Teen services – good programs
- Let’s hear from the teens – Onslow County Teens; Wake County Teen Leadership Corps; Charlotte-Mecklenburg Volunteens

- “Ask Me Anything” – a panel of long-time library staff to do a knowledge dump/Q&A
- Lead from where you are – panel discussion?
- Creative activity to do during wine social – Bunco? Bingo?
- Fire circle
- Diverse books – Jewel Davis (**Lisa** will send Jewel’s email address to Meg, and **Meg** will contact her about her fee and possibly speaking at the Retreat)
- Vendors
- Sell t-shirt with logo through online store Teespring or Bonfire (**Tanika** will design graphic)
- Escape room
- Mock teen lock-in
- Programming for special needs (**Meg** will contact Renee Grassi <http://www.reneegrassi.com/> about her fee and possibly speaking at the Retreat)

Helen will check whether there are limitations on who can be paid as presenters (i.e. NCLA members).

Helen will send Jackie’s Retreat Timeline out to the Board.

Helen will send out the schedules for the 2014 and 2016 retreats.

Helen will check the budget allowed for speakers in the past.

Adjournment

Meg proposed adjournment and Helen seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

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

March 13 - Greensboro (**Tanika** to confirm location)

June 12 – High Point (**Helen** will confirm with Lori Russell)

August 14 – Iredell Public Library, Statesville (confirmed by Julianne)

December 11 – Bordeaux Branch Library, Fayetteville (confirmed by Julianne)

Respectfully submitted

Helen Yamamoto, Secretary Treasurer