

Youth Services Section
Executive Board Meeting
April 17, 2018

The Executive Board met for the second meeting of the 2018-2019 Biennium at the Greensboro Public Library in Greensboro at 12 noon. Attending were: Chair Meg Smith, Past-Chair Tanika Martin, Vice Chair Lisa Donaldson, Sec/Treasurer Helen Yamamoto, and Director Jen Pace. Director Julianne Dunn attended by speakerphone.

Agenda

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

Budget

Helen reported the YSS account balance is \$6,987.14 as of December 2017. Earning/expense report for the time period covering NCLA Conference is not yet available, so we do not know whether Conference was a revenue builder (though from our balance, it appears that it was not).

Executive Board Report

Meg reported on the January NCLA Executive Board Meeting.

The Board is impressed with YSS work and membership. Other business included:

- State Librarian Cal Shepherd is retiring, and there will be a \$100/person fundraiser next month.
- NCLA is providing advocacy for National Library Legislation Day.
- Planning has begun for NCLA Conference 2021
- The Technology Section is interested in communication within NCLA
- 2018 Leadership Institute application period is open
- The Board encourages collaboration between sections

Fabulous Fridays

Joan could not be at the meeting but shared the dates for this year's Fabulous Fridays:

9/28 – Mountains

10/5 – Central NC

10/12 – Eastern NC

As a reminder, Fabulous Fridays are one-day mini-conferences directed at smaller library systems, new professionals, and paraprofessionals. PLS has an interest in partnering with YSS to provide youth-centered content at these events.

YSS will put this on the agenda for the June meeting, and **Meg will ask Joan for a planning timeline.**

NCCBA

Janet could not be at the meeting but shared with Meg that the NCCBA Committee will meet May 5th to decide on next year's short list and to share the 2018 winners.

State Library Update

Jasmine was not able to attend the meeting, but shared update information with Meg.

The State Library is offering Latino outreach and bilingual storytime training with Katie Scherrer 4/30 in Wilmington, 5/2 in High Point, and 5/3 in Asheville. Lisa, Jen, Meg, and Julianne all plan to send staff or attend themselves.

The Summer Reading Summit will be the last two weeks of September. Meg will offer feedback from the YSS Board to Jasmine about the timing and format.

State Library applied for an Excite grant “Transformation for Libraries.”

Saroj Ghoting is coming next year to do more Supercharged Storytimes training.

PLA

Lisa and Jen attended PLA and shared their experience. Highlights:

- There was a lot of discussion about no fines on children’s materials.
- Using fandom in all kinds of programs to develop other skills: STEM, life skills, etc.
- Latino outreach
- Drag queen storytime
- Kitchen in a box to make a portable, cooking-based program. Requires water and electricity.

2018 YSS Retreat

The Retreat will be October 18-19, 2018 at YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly.

The theme is “Youth centered, Library focused”, with the idea that staff serving youth need to be well-versed in other areas, as well. Meg has contacted the following people as potential presenters:

1. Dr. Sandra Hassell, current president of YALSA. She offered a keynote presentation and/or workshop on “Youth Activism Through Community Engagement”
2. Jewel Davis to speak on diverse books with a possible interactive/workshop component and discussion evaluating titles with diverse character representation.

The State Library has offered to subsidize a workshop presented by Criss Cross Mango Sauce. They offer the following options:

- Outreach to Latinos—Art, learning, community , and libraries
- Storytelling techniques—Any language, any community
- Celebrating Dia de los Niños/Day of the Child
- Selecting authentic bilingual storybooks
- Making reading come alive for the bilingual child

Jewel and, most likely, Sandra are members of NCLA, which restricts payment of members presenting within the organization. **Helen will check with Kim Parrott to determine other options for compensation.**

There was some discussion of themes for presentations, since the YSS (and other sections) focused on diverse books for NCLA Conference.

The Board will continue the Retreat planning by email, with the goal of having paid presenters in place and a general call for presentation proposals sent out by the June 12th meeting.

The Board settled on a tentative retreat schedule, as follows:

Thursday –

11:30 a.m. Packet Pick-Up

12-12:45 p.m. Lunch

1-1:15 p.m. Meg's Welcome

1:15-2 p.m. Speaker 1

2-3:45 p.m. Speaker 2

3:45-4:15 p.m. Check-In

4:15-5 p.m. Breakout

5-6 p.m. Dinner (dependent on YMCA dinner schedule)

7:15 p.m. Campfire with wine and smores

Friday –

8-8:45 Breakfast

8:45-9:15 Check-out

9:15-11 State Library with Criss Cross Mango Sauce

11:15-12 Breakout

12-12:45 Lunch

1-1:45 Speaker 4

1:50-2:35 Speaker 5

2:35-3 Wrap-up/Raffle

Helen will call Danielle at YMCA regarding meal times, wine at the campfire, flexibility with checkin time, and a rain location for the campfire event (possibly a game night as an alternative). **Meg** will ask Jasmine to provide a box of books/swag for the raffle.

The Board discussed pricing for this year's event, and decided on the following:

\$179 member/\$199 non-member for Double Occupancy

\$219 member/\$239 non-member for Single Occupancy

\$99 member/\$119 non-member for Commuters

Jen will post the fees on our Retreat web page. The Board also decided that Jen would take over all web editing and maintenance from now on. **Helen** will arrange for Jen to get web editing privileges.

Adjournment

Meg proposed adjournment and Helen seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

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

June 12 – West Regional Library, Cary

August 14 – Iredell Public Library, Statesville

December 11 – Bordeaux Branch Library, Fayetteville

Respectfully submitted

Helen Yamamoto, Secretary Treasurer