**Youth Services Section**

**Executive Board Meeting**

**June 01, 2021**

The Executive Board met for the seventh meeting of the 2019-2021 Biennium via Zoom. Attending were: Chair Lisa Donaldson, Secretary Jewel Davis, Director at Large Jessica Reid, State Library of North Carolina Liaison Jasmine Rockwell, and Scholarships Chair Julianne Dunn.

**Agenda**

Meeting called to order at 12:03

**State Library of North Carolina Updates- Jasmine**

* All the State Library of North Carolina statewide leadership projects were approved.
* For continuing education, they will host three Mother Goose on the Loose workshops with Dr. Betsy Diamant-Cohen in April 2022. Workshops will be offered across the state and are limited to 30 participants per workshop.
* Jasmine will be adding all the YALSA Train the Trainer content to Niche Academy. This includes the computational thinking, connected learning, and ages and stages content. The training will be provided asynchronously and will be available by the end of the summer.
* One possible continuing education opportunity includes a nine part course in Niche Academy on Autism. These nine modules will cover topics like understanding autism, serving teens and adults, reader’s advisory, sensory story-time, and more.
* The former South Carolina youth services consultant, Rebecca Antill, is available to provide consulting work on food programs and food literacy in libraries.
* The board provided the following ideas for possible future programming:
  + mental health, self-care, and wellness for both patrons, staff, and administration
    - prerecorded content for staff audience and live content for patron audience
  + How does wellness and self-care relate to the interactions we have with patrons?
  + In-person story time training for new employees
  + Customer service training (a lot of this type of content is available on Niche Academy)
* There is currently no scheduled traveling for the State Library of North Carolina in the fall. In-person trainings are currently only scheduled for the spring.
* Ten federally funded mini grants up to $4000 will be available to public libraries to partner with local laundromats to create a space promoting family literacy. Applications will be due early December 2021 with award announcements in early 2022 for program implementation in the spring of 2022.
* The State Library of North Carolina has a new director of library development. Cotina Jones will start on June 14.
* The N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources created an NCKids exploration journal that pairs well with this year’s summer reading programming. Jasmine will share this information with the youth services listserv.
* The State Library of North Carolina is still working on the racial equity modules. They will be contracting with Dr. Love Jones, the Human Rights director for the City of Greensboro. Dr. Love Jones has an extensive background in racial equity training. The goal is to have the training available no later than August.
* There is currently no return to work plan for the State Library of North Carolina.
* The new public library standards from the State Library of North Carolina will be released possibly in July. Training will be provided to libraries. The standards can be used as a self-assessment tool and the State Library of North Carolina will be able to offer future programming and training based on libraries’ assessed needs.

**NCLA Conference and Executive Board meeting updates – Lisa**

* Two sessions were proposed and accepted:
  + Early Literacy to-go: Outreach and Self-Directed Activities to Empower Child Care Centers, Parents & Caregivers presented by Christin Daubert
  + From Among Us to Tik Tok: Focusing on the needs and interests of Teens a panel moderated by Jessica Reid with presenters Alicia Finley, Gracey Gordon, and Megan Mosher
* We will be sponsoring four student scholarships for the conference. NCLA will send us the applications by July 16. We will need to make decisions by July 26. We can discuss our decisions by email.
* Noah Lenstra and Kate Kraft talked to the NCLA executive board about the America Walks grant. NCLA will apply for the grant and award grants to libraries across the state to implement the program. The program supports walkability and citizen science content.
* The April 30th NCLA Executive Board meeting minutes are now available online (https://nclaonline.org/executive-board-meetings).

**Grant Applications – Lisa**

* YSS received eight applications for the outdoor programming grant. The State Library of North Carolina will not be able to help fund these grants this year. YSS has budgeted for awarding five grants.
  + Julianne will send a rubric to the board to help review applications.
  + Digital access to the applications is not available to everyone. Lisa will download the applications and send them to the group.
  + STEM- LINC offered to help with setting up virtual grant presentations. Virtual presentations could be an option before the retreat.

**New Board Member Nomination – Lisa**

* YSS sent out a call for board member nominations. The deadline for nominations is July 9. Lisa has received questions about the positions, but no nominations yet. Lisa will send out a reminder before the deadline. Please share the call with anyone you think might be interested.

**Treasurer report- Helen (submitted via email)**

* Our last Fund Report shows we took in $155 in membership dues during the first quarter of 2021.
* Our current balance is $$8764.92.

**NCCBA update- Janet (submitted via email)**

* The NCSLMA board voted to dissolve their association with NCCBA. They are in the process of unaffiliating themselves from NCCBA. NCSLMA will honor their 2021 commitments for the winning authors of this year.
* NCCBA met and decided to continue the award process. They will be meeting in June to determine the 2022 award winners.
* YSS will still support NCCBA with $250 to assist in the author award
  + Lisa will follow-up with Janet about this year’s payment.

**Meeting Schedule discussion**

* The board discussed upcoming meeting dates and our preferences for in-person, virtual, or hybrid formats.
  + The September 14 meeting will be virtual.
  + The conference is October 18-22. Lisa will share more information about the YSS business meeting when she receives the business meeting time and date.
  + The December 7 meeting is loosely planned for in-person.
* Going forward it would be nice to continue having virtual meetings with only a couple in-person meetings. Matt can decide on the format of meetings for the next Biennium.

**Other Business?**

* Quorum is needed to approve meeting minutes. The group will approve the March and June meeting minutes at our September meeting.
* Julianne will send out a meeting recording link to all the members not present.

**Meeting adjourned at 1:03**