

Youth Services Section
Executive Board Meeting
March 19, 2019

The Executive Board met for the 6th meeting of the 2018-2019 Biennium at the Cliffdale Road Branch of Cumberland County Libraries in Fayetteville at 12 noon. Attending were: Chair Meg Smith, Sec/Treasurer Helen Yamamoto, and Past Chair Tanika Martin. Chair-Elect Lisa Donaldson and Director Jen Pace attended virtually.

Agenda

Meg called the meeting to order at 12:17 p.m. Meg moved to approve December meeting minutes, Lisa seconded. The minutes were approved.

Budget

Helen reported a balance of \$12,703.59 as of December 20, 2018. The YSS had \$5,716.45 in revenue during 2018. There were no complaints about the increased cost or extended length of the 2018 YSS Retreat, so we will plan to continue our current format and cost structure for future retreats.

Executive Board Meeting Report

Lisa attended the January NCLA Executive Board Meeting.

Kim Parrott has resigned but will stay on as executive assistant for NCLA during the transition.

There is a new member management system called Apricot. It has more functions, and sections will be able to pull member information without assistance. More to come on this as the year progresses.

Mike would like to see NCLA members show support for ALA President and former NCLA President Wanda Brown at ALA Conference. He will send out more information closer to the event about getting together as a group.

The sections reported. The Literacy Roundtable will sponsor Grade Level Reading. Lisa proposed having more contact between YSS and the Literacy Roundtable, since our sections' goals dovetail. **Meg will reach out to Literacy Roundtable representative Deca Slaughter.**

The NCSLMA Conference is October 2-4 in Winston-Salem. The Board agreed that we would like to have an information/membership table at the event. **Tanika will reach out to Julianne to see if she is going and to see whether she can liaison and manage the table.** Lisa

suggested Colleen Pinion as another possible liaison—she is this year’s Leadership Institute candidate sponsored by NCSLMA. **Jen will reach out to YSS membership to ask for other volunteers to serve at the table.** Is anyone checking to see whether there is a place for this table at the event?

The next Executive Board Meeting is at Meredith College on April 26, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

State Library Update

Continuing Ed Opportunities:

- March 21. Flow Circus will do a workshop called “Fail Better”.
- Supercharging Your Storytime will be April 9 in Greenville, April 10 in Greensboro, and April 12 in Henderson County.
- Kathy Scherer will do Physical Literacy/Early Literacy, Exploring Connections workshops in November in Gaston and Cumberland Counties.
- Summer Learning Workshops will be in January 2020. Jasmine is reaching out to assistant professor at ASU who co-authored the YALSA Teen Competencies to present at the workshops.
- Spring 2020 – Autism Society of NC
- YALSA Symposium is November in Memphis. State Library will offer scholarships.

The NC Museum of Natural Science will make traveling exhibits available.

Jasmine is working on a YSS t-shirt for NCLA Conference.

NCLA Conference

YSS-sponsored sessions:

- Diversity in Storytimes, Sophie Kinney—YSS will take 5 minutes to recognize grant recipients.
- Business Meeting – We will provide in-depth information about the grant winners at the business meeting.
- YALSA Competencies geared towards youth services staff, Sandra Hughes-Hassell
- YALSA Competencies geared towards non-youth services staff, Sandra Hughes-Hassell
- Changes to CSLP SRP, Jasmine Rockwell will present
- Roundtable on programming, emphasizing school/library partnerships
 - Facilitators so far: Colleen Pinion (NCSLMA-sponsored Leadership Institute Candidate), Sheila Killebrew (director of Davidson County), Sedley

Abercrombie (former chair of NCSLMA), Helen, Lisa, and possibly other YSS Board Members.

- Author Luncheon with PLS
 - PLS will contribute \$500
 - Lisa has contacted William Kamkwamba, author of *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*. He is interested but needs to know our budget.
 - Paperback editions are available & YSS is considering providing copies to registrants ahead of time for them to read and add to the discussion during the luncheon.
 - Tanika has an interest in addressing burnout by showing the good work librarians do and how valuable we are. Mr. Kamkwamba relied heavily on his school librarian for information to aid him in building the windmill.
 - If we are able to contract Mr. Kamkwamba, Jen will promote heavily through social media and email as we head up to Conference. Other Board members should build “buzz” within their own circles.
 - **Lisa will follow up with the author, expressing our excitement and listing a few benefits to the author (including number of attendees)**

Sarah Lyon with WCPL is presenting on their training for programmers called Storytime 101 and asked that YSS help promote it. **Jen** will promote ST101 in our emails to NCLA membership about YSS sponsored Conference events.

Structure of Programming Roundtable event:

- Five tables
- Facilitator at each table
- Note-taker at each table
- Flip charts for note-taking at each table
- Topic/question for discussion at each table
- Attendees self-select the tables they go to, based on the question/topic
- Attendees will probably have time to attend only 3 tables
- YSS/PLS/NCSLMA will compile all ideas and post them on NCLA Conference website after the event.

Lisa will reach out to PLS and NCSLMA to get potential questions and reach out to our membership for facilitators/note-takers.

The YSS will have an information/membership table again. **Tanika** will work on making the YSS table more interactive. She will flesh out the idea and bring it back to the Board.

Diverse Books Grant

Attending Board members reviewed the list of titles created by the subcommittee and were very impressed. The grant is designed to provide a core collection of diverse titles and then provide additional funding for the recipients to select additional titles from the list. **The Diverse Books subcommittee (now Janet and Jasmine)** will decide which titles comprise the core collection and will email the list to the Board by **what date? Should we do May 24, to allow time for feedback?.**

Books will be drop-shipped to the grant winners. **Helen** will buy plates identifying the books as **YSS-grant-provided** to send to winners, so they can put them in the books.

Jen will contact Julianne to let her know by when to have the Request for Proposals ready by April 26. This grant is open to all North Carolina libraries. The board reviewed the RFP questions suggested at the December YSS Board Meeting.

- The RFP will have a question “Why are you applying for this grant?” to allow libraries to explain hardship, or other reasons they should receive special consideration.
- The Board also decided to combine two questions regarding outreach/partnerships into one: “How would you include partnerships with other community organizations and/or provide outreach using the books you receive?”
- The Board decided to keep the question regarding program innovation, as is.

Deadline for submission of applications is May 24, giving the Board time to extend the deadline, if needed. **Board members** will review the applications and make our selection at the **June 11 meeting.**

Upcoming Meetings

June 11 – Conference Room B, Statesville Main Library, 201 N Tradd Street, Statesville, NC 28677– Confirmed 12/13/18 by email

September 10 - State Library, Conference Room M45– Confirmed 12/13/18 by email

December 10 – Gaston County Public Library– Confirmed by email 12/14/18

The meeting adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Helen Yamamoto, Secretary Treasurer