**Youth Services Section**

**Executive Board Meeting**

**June 02, 2020**

The Executive Board met for the third meeting of the 2019-2020 Biennium via Zoom. Attending were: Chair Lisa Donaldson, Director of Membership and Communications Jen Pace Dickenson, NC State Library Liaison Jasmine Rockwell, Treasurer Helen Yamamoto, Director at Large Jessica Reid, Vice Chair/Chair Elect Matt Mano, Scholarship Chair Julianne Dunn, and Secretary Jewel Davis

**Agenda**

Meeting called to order at 12:00 pm.

The group updated each other on their library’s status and available services in the current COVID-19 disruption.   
  
**Approval of Past Minutes**

The board reviewed the March 3, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion to approve. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

**NCLA Executive Board Meeting Review**

Lisa provided the below notes from the NCLA Executive Board meeting held on April 24, 2020.

* There was general discussion about library planning during the COVID-19 disruption.
* NCLA is purchasing additional Zoom licenses. Right now every section does not have their own section license, but meetings can be requested, and they will be provided.
* In the June NCLA newsletter YSS is the featured section.
* PLS will be conducting fabulous Friday’s virtually.
* The Leadership Institute may reschedule for the spring.
* An NCLA membership change vote will be sent to members to allow for a membership drive. The membership drive will provide 14 month memberships to people who renew before July 1.
* The Un-cancelled virtual conference is being planned. Members who had conference presentations cancelled due to the COVID-19 disruption will be able to present at the Un-cancelled conference.
* Per the financial report received, about $6000 is in the YSS account which reflects the retreat deposit to the Blue Ridge Assembly.
  + Helen had questions about how the balance has dropped so low. Line items for conference expenses were not provided, and it seems like conference is costing sections money rather than earning money. Lisa will send Helen the budget items received and they will both look into the matter.

**State Library Update**

Jasmine provided the following updates:

* State Library employees are currently teleworking and will be returning at the end of the summer. The Library Development and Government and Heritage Library staff are continuing to work from home. The Library for the Bling and Physically Handicapped is focusing on downloadable services and are not mailing things out.
* Registration for the State Library’s adapted e-course of YALSA’s Transforming Teen Services Online Connected Learning module ends June 4. There are two cohorts with 15 spots in each cohort. The training is 7 weeks with 6 live sessions. They are hoping to provide future support for cohorts with computational thinking and equity as add-ons.
* For youth services continuing education in the fall, they will be providing Flow Circus workshops. Hopefully the workshops will be delivered in person. If they are unable to deliver in-person, they will move to an online session which will focus on the FLOP mentality of being flexible and mindful and learning from mistakes. FLOP balls will be mailed out to participants.
* The summer learning summit was planned for September, but has now been scheduled for January. The summit probably will not be two days due to libraries’ budget constraints. The State Library will be providing travel assistance to some participants.
* Amy Holcomb, the Experiential Learning Supervisor at Skokie Public Library, will be creating a self-paced STEM/STEAM tutorial which will be available for all librarians.
* The online summer reading software is still being held up in the State Library’s legal department. They are hoping the delay won’t affect the adoption for the program. The program can be used for fall or winter programs and is actually meant to be used as a whole year program, but is easier to market as summer reading. The State Library currently has a one-year contract for the software.
* *My N.C. From A to Z* programming-They are reimagining program ideas to be conducted virtually. They will be targeting specific library systems where there are organizations centered around the Black community. They are creating a local connections program with Wilson county and the Neuse Regional Library system. They will be introducing children to people, events, and places inside the book that are connected to their own community. They will also be reaching out to local artists and heritage practitioners for presentations and storytelling. They are working with Cumberland county to do a meet the artist program with Dare Coulter. There will be online discussions with teens and live art demos. Art supplies will be distributed locally for teens to make their own art. The author, Michelle Lanier, will be reading at the Durham County library and will be focusing on telling your own story. They will be bringing in other local authors too. The set up will be similar to StoryCorps with people sharing and recording their experiences of being Black in North Carolina. The target date for the programming is October-December.
  + Physical books of *My N.C. From A to Z* should be here in July and the braille overlays are here and ready to be placed on the books.

**NCCBA Update**

The final nominations will be sent out soon. The deadline for voting has been delayed.

**Retreat Planning**

The retreat theme is Create, Connect, Collaborate

The retreat hashtag is #NCLAYSS2020

A Motion was made to not host the retreat in person. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Helen will ask for the deposit back from the Blue Ridge YMCA Assembly.

The group discussed the following ideas for a virtual retreat:

* Using Zoom to do presentations.
  + Metrolina used Zoom and conducted 1-2 presentations at a time. They recorded the sessions for people to view the ones they missed.
  + The Azalea conference sent out an agenda with links ready to go for participants.
  + There are a few types of Zoom licenses and there are differences between Zoom meetings and Zoom webinars.
    - Jasmine and Jewel can provide zoom access through their institutions if we need additional support.
    - Lisa will reach out to see how many people we can have in our NCLA zoom.
* A series might be easier to host than a 1-2 day conference. It may be harder for staff to take a day off for a full day virtual conference.
* We would like to keep the series close to the original October retreat dates and have 1-2 webinars a week for a month.
* We will need to ensure we don’t conflict with PLS Fabulous Fridays or other events. PLS has scheduled virtual Fabulous Fridays for Sept 25th, October 2nd and 9th. On October 30th NCLA has an executive Board meeting.
* The group decided on October 15, 22, 29, and Nov 5for the virtual series.
  + Midweek sessions during the middle of the day are best. If need be, we could have two sessions on one date at 12:30 & 2
* The group will need to look at the current proposals for the in-person retreat and evaluate them to see if the presentations and content translate well for a virtual setting in our current climate.
  + If we think the proposals still work, we will need to reach out to the speakers to see if they would be willing to present virtually. If we think we need more proposals, we can resend the call.
    - Jen will send the group the retreat proposals.
    - The group will review the current proposals and provide feedback by June 9.
* We would like the grant winners to have a one-hour slot within the series to present on what they have done and how they are possibly re-envisioning using the grant due to the COVID-19 disruption
  + Helen will check with the grant recipients to see if they are able to present virtually
* We would also like to bring in a speaker on a diversity topic. Racial inequity could be related topic.
  + This session could be paired with the grant sessions for a date with two sessions.
  + An honorarium could be provided to an outside speaker. We will need to discuss the budget for that.
  + Jasmine will reach out to the NC African American Heritage Commission to see if there are any specialists who can speak on racial inequities.
  + Jasmine will also reach out about having the A to Z author conduct a presentation.
* The 4th and final webinar could be a social party/mocktail hour with possible trivia or a marry, date, or dump game.
* We could announce the next grant during the webinar series. We will brainstorm about the focus of the next grant. It could be related to support for COVID.
  + We could create a kit like Flow Circus and send it to grant winners. It could be centered around a feel good topic on how to thrive through change and challenges. It could be promoted to all staff rather than just youth services.
  + Helen will look into professional development options for the grant.
  + The group will discuss grant options by email.
* We could provide a membership special, raffle, or three big giveaways. Participants could receive one entry per session attended. Helen will look into options for a raffle or giveaway.
* The group referred to the program ideas in the March 3, 2020 minutes for additional virtual session ideas. The group briefly discussed using breakout rooms for virtual program sharing or speed dating program sharing.

**Other Business**

* The bylaws discussion will be scheduled for a later date.
* What more can we do for youth services? We could send virtual program ideas to members that we have come across. Storytime underground is a good resource for program ideas.

**Upcoming Meeting Dates**

Sept. 1st Meeting

Iredell Public Library

201 N Tradd St.

Statesville, NC 28677

12-3pm

The group also discussed the possibility of scheduling a virtual meeting through Zoom before the September 1st meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:07