

Youth Services Section
Executive Board Meeting
December 11, 2018

The Executive Board met for the 5th meeting of the 2018-2019 Biennium at the Spring Lake Branch of Cumberland County Libraries in Spring Branch at 12 noon. Attending were: Chair Meg Smith, Sec/Treasurer Helen Yamamoto, Director Pat Moussa, State Library Youth Services Consultant Jasmine Rockwell, and NCCBA Liaison Janet West.

Agenda

Meg called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m.

Budget

Helen is waiting for account balance from Siobhan, NCLA Treasurer and will email to the group when received.

NCCBA Update

Is currently collecting nominations for the 2020 NCCBA Award. There have been 10 submitted so far, and the Committee anticipates that nominations will pick up when voting starts for the 2019 NCCBA Award.

State Library Update

Final interviews and recommendations have been made for the new state librarian, and they are waiting for approval from the governor.

Criss Cross Mangosauce - **Helen will send the link for the evaluation folders to the presenters and copy Jasmine on the email.**

Jasmine is still waiting for 2018-19 budget funds to be released. Plans for the current fiscal year include:

- Saroj Ghoting Supercharged Storytime Workshops - April 9 in Greenville, April 10 in Greensboro, April 12 in Hendersonville.
- Possibly workshops by Kathy Dolbee of the Autism Society of NC
- Possible Flow Circus workshop called Fail Better covering STEAM programming for teens.
- Development of a professional collection at the State Library.
- National Geographic giant floor maps with kits to go with them.

Diverse Books Grant

Jasmine/State Library will provide \$2,500 in matching funds. The money needs to be expended by May 1st.

If titles are available from Scholastic, the money will go further, since the State Library is a Scholastic Literacy Partner.

Janet volunteered to chair a subcommittee to manage the Diverse Books Grant. **Pat and Jasmine** volunteered to serve on the subcommittee, and **Helen** will reach out to others on the Board to see if they would like to serve. **Diverse Books Grant Subcommittee** will compile and present a list of titles, research cost, and determine additional funding, if needed. The group will present the results at the Youth Services Section's March meeting. **Helen** will send Janet resources she has gathered to help with this project.

The **subcommittee** will also create an annotated list to hand out at Conference and a booklet with resources for further expansion of the diverse books collection for the grant recipients. The deadline for these tasks is not until just before Conference.

(NOTE: **Julianne** is working on the Request for Proposals for the Diverse Books Grant.

Minutes from the September minutes include the following suggestions:

Describe how you will innovate programming using these titles? Provide 2-3 program ideas.

Describe how you will include partnerships with other community organizations?

How will you provide outreach using the books you receive?)

YSS Retreat Debrief

Based on preliminary calculations of income vs. expenses, this Retreat netted approximately \$5,100. That is almost twice what we earned in 2016.

Overall the Board considered the 2018 Retreat a success and decided to keep the same venue for 2020. Suggestions for improvements include:

- Be explicit in the call for proposals that the registration fee is not covered.
- Emphasize to presenters that content must be appropriate for the time allotted, including Q&A.
- Provide an annotated list of titles in the core collection of the Diverse Books Grant for Retreat attendees and have a sampling of the titles on display.

- Do a general program sharing in the large meeting room, but break the group up into 5 or 6 small groups, rotating every 15 minutes or so. Use the “World Cafe” method, in which each group builds on the ideas of the previous group.
- Request mobile microphones for the presenters.
- Test technology during 15 minute breaks.
- Make sure the venue provides correct food options and has a representative available to direct people with food constraints.
- Streamline the evaluation form.
- Create YSS Board subcommittees to handle different aspects of the Retreat, including:
 - Speakers/poster session subcommittee
 - T-shirts/vendors subcommittee
 - Communications subcommittee
 - Registration/venue (it makes sense for this to be the Treasurer’s responsibility)

Pat volunteered to work on a single-page version of the evaluation form that covers all sessions. **Helen** will send Pat examples of prior evaluations. Pat may also reach out to Jasmine for ideas.

NCLA Conference

Lisa will chair the Conference Planning Subcommittee. **Helen** will serve on this subcommittee and will reach out to other Board members to see who would like to join.

Jasmine suggested we design t-shirts with a cute, appealing logo advertising the YSS at Conference (and other events) as a fundraiser. She will head this initiative (and so becomes a de facto member of the Conference Planning Subcommittee).

Helen suggested we do a raffle basket of NCCBA titles for our YSS info table as a fundraiser, or for the NCLA fundraiser raffle.

Meg completed the NCLA form indicating YSS intentions for Conference. The Board committed to sponsoring five sessions, including:

- A roundtable discussion on programming (with topics including school/library collaboration programs, and programs that teach soft skills for teens), possibly conducted in the “World Cafe” style
- A possible session on Teen Competencies (**Jasmine suggested this be funded by the State Library and will reach out to Linda Braun and/or Sandra Hughes-Hassell about this**)

- A possible session on Intentional Storytime Programming for Diversity. **Helen will reach out to a presenter she saw at ALA about this.** This would be combined with the presentation of the Diverse Books Grant Winners.
- Jewel Davis contacted Meg and suggested that the Roundtable Ethnic Minority Concern partner with YSS on an author luncheon (which Meg will request for Thursday). REMCO would like to present their Roadbuilder Award for outstanding ethnic librarian at this event, as well. YSS would be responsible for the entire cost of this event.

Due to new NCLA Conference guidelines, we will not do a wine and cheese event this year.

All Conference proposals are due February 15.

Upcoming Meetings

March 19 - Cumberland County (**Meg will arrange this**)

June 11 - Statesville (**Helen will arrange this**)

September 10 - State Library (**Jasmine will arrange this**)

December 10 - Charlotte Area (**Jen will arrange this**)

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Helen Yamamoto, Secretary Treasurer