**Youth Services Section**

**Executive Board Meeting**

**March 02, 2021**

The Executive Board met for the sixth meeting of the 2019-2021 Biennium via Zoom. Attending were: Chair Lisa Donaldson, Treasurer Helen Yamamoto, Director at Large Jessica Reid, Secretary Jewel Davis, NC State Library Liaison Jasmine Rockwell, NC Book Award Rep Janet West, PLS Liaison Joan Sherif, Director of Membership and Communications Jen Pace, and Vice Chair/Chair Elect Matt Mano

**Agenda**

Meeting called to order at 12:04.

**Approval of Past Minutes**

The board reviewed the December 01, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion to approve. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

**Grant and partnership update**

* STEMLINC is excited to partner with YSS on the grant. Lisa met with Sarah Jeong the STEMLINC chair. STEMLINC offered to host the virtual presentations of the award recipients in the fall of 2022.
* Julianne, Helen, and Janet priced out grant items, and Lisa sent those items to STEMLINC. STEMLINC inquired if we would consider adding an additional item like a wireless Bluetooth microphone and asked about citizen science kits like Eco Explore and Sci Starter. The board discussed removing the wagon (for it is not directly related to technology), adding a separate microphone, and focusing only on equipment rather than programming materials. The grant committee will let STEMLINC know if there is any additional assistance we need from them.
* Helen would like to budget $2500 for the kits to award five grants. If the State Library can match, we can offer more awards. Previously YSS spent $2500 on the grants and the State Library matched for a total $5000. Jasmine will follow-up about funding from the State Library. If the State Library can provide funds, the funds won’t be available until after July 1st. YSS could front the money as long as we know it is coming. So, we will have to wait to award until after we get confirmation from the State Library. The State library would pay YSS, so if we don’t have enough applicants to reach $5000, YSS could hold onto their part of the grant money for later initiatives.
* Each kit will be around $500
  + speaker with microphone $100
  + screen $100
  + projector $120
  + canopy $100
  + additional microphone $80
* The Board provided input on the current list of materials (<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1wc7uA9x0-yaydpS7mgsLTGQ4gnGcrGi_7fAwbWHBLs4/edit>) and offered the following suggestions:
  + Matt suggested a Bigger Speaker- <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B01ITAG8NK/ref=cm_sw_r_tw_dp_TP117M7WRCY17RQTTEPY>
  + Jasmine suggested Extension Cord - <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B07RVF386D/ref=cm_sw_r_tw_dp_2N6EX860CR8CQQPF748F?_encoding=UTF8&psc=1>
  + Jen uses a Tailgater speaker that is no longer available, but an alternative could be found- <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B00SNBCBGE/ref=cm_sw_r_tw_dp_CWZWTKWVDXJ1EKPD4VMS>
* Helen will share these suggestions with the grant subcommittee.
* The grant committee will send Lisa the final proposed cost list.
* Lisa will get in touch with STEMLINC on suggestions for Bluetooth mics that are compatible with speakers.
* Lisa will provide Jasmine with the total cost list.
* Jasmine will follow-up about State Library funding.
* The board discussed a timeline for the grant. Last time the applications went out around June or July, but we could send out applications earlier this year. The grant is awarded to the library, not the individual. We should be explicit about applicants having support from their library admin, the expectation of the program being implemented even with staff changes, and the expectation of presenting on the implementation in the fall of 2022 (we won’t specify presenting at the retreat due to us not yet knowing about having a physical retreat). Julianne will need to add these expectations to the application. Lisa will follow-up with Julianne about this and give her a goal date of April 2 to send out to the executive board for review.

**Conference, Survey Results**

* YSS has two guaranteed sessions for the NCLA conference with an April 16 deadline for submission. Lisa reviewed our ideas from the last meeting and the survey results from members. Members are very interested in programming ideas.
* The board discussed the following conference ideas
  + Virtual event with an author. This can be very expensive. It might be better to wait on an author and consider one for the retreat. Helen will reach out to her contact to see if she can find a reasonably priced author.
  + Sarah Lyons presenting on Storytime or Every Child Ready to Achieve content
  + Breakout groups on programming topics where participants share ideas. This hasn’t gone that well lately because people are a bit fatigued with this type of roundtable sharing.
  + Ideas for moving beyond the pandemic
  + Hybrid programming with virtual and in-person activities
  + Community engagement and partnerships
  + Member panels on programming content
* Lisa will send a call to YSS members soliciting ideas for panels based on the survey topics community partnerships and engagement, programming trends/tips and tricks (online and in-person), and teen programming.
* Jen shared previous presentation calls and compiled a shared document (https://docs.google.com/document/d/10e3RAyUHy5XrP0h3cVmDT9Td07YjC\_n2gSyP1jk22vE/edit?ts=603e84fc) with topics.
* Lisa will share final call with group by email before sending to members.

**NCCBA –Janet**

* NCSLMA is now supporting sponsorship of the award and being an official committee.
* Two school library members are moving content onto the NCSLMA website. The NCCBA blog ([http://nccba.blogspot.com/)](http://nccba.blogspot.com/) was opened in February for votes. Deadline for votes is April 16 and is later due to school opening delays. Over 1000 votes have been received so far.
* We have not received many nominations for next year’s award. We may have to push the nomination deadline as well. This will not be ideal for junior book readers will have more longer readings to complete closer to the spring nomination discussion.

**State Library Updates -Jasmine**

* The State Library is continuing to fund ReadSquared through May of 2023. It has been used, so it will probably be financed into the future.
  + Page Turner Adventures is a group that creates content that encourages reading, creativity, and using imagination. They have partnered with ReadSqaured. The State Library will be offering an option for libraries to get a multi-library discount on the Page Turner content.
* Two Flow Circus workshops are being offered March 4 and March 18 for continuing education. Live continuing education events haven’t been well attended, so not much is currently being offered.
* Jasmine is developing a statewide leadership project using federal money with Laundry Cares. Laundry Cares is a literacy initiative that brings literacy opportunities to laundromats. Jasmine is thinking about launching a pilot project with the Durham based Book Harvest organization.
* A Mother Goose project featuring Dr. Betsy Diamant-Cohen is being planned for next spring.
* The Idaho Commission for Libraries has made self-paced online courses using Articulate Storyline for their state’s Niche Academy. Some of their courses include the T3 courses we use--Educational Equity, Ages and Stages of Youth Development, Connected Learning, Computational Thinking, and Youth Voice and Program Facilitation. Jasmine would like to work with them to get this content into our own state’s Niche Academy.
* The Racial Equity self-paced course is still underway. The State library has been working with REMCo, and two modules are almost ready for beta testing. They are currently looking for consultants to review the course. They anticipate that all of the modules will be available by the NCLA conference.
* 49 applications (41 EZ grants 8 project grants) were received for the LSTA grants. ~4million dollars is available for the grants and currently the applications total ~$2million dollars. In addition to this, they anticipate receiving ~4million more from the stimulus package.
* The State Library staff will continue to work from home through the end of June

**New officers/bylaws**

* Lisa shared information from our current bylaws on officer terms and election procedures.
* The board discussed the need for changing the bylaws. Matt and Lisa have already worked on bylaw revisions. The bylaws need to be revised to reflect three directors and the splitting of the secretary/treasurer position.
* There is discrepancy between what the bylaws state and what YSS has practiced in the past. The board discussed the pros and cons of term limits, continuity, staggering position terms, equitable practices in voting processes including the benefit of having a nominating committee, and providing a fair and transparent process for our YSS members.
* Per the current bylaws we will need to form a nominating committee and advertise for interest in chair-elect, secretary, treasurer, director of membership and communications, director at large, and director of scholarship (six positions).
  + If current board members would like to continue in their positions, they can ask to be included on the ballot.
* Jasmine volunteered to lead the election nominating committee. Her position as a non-voting board member and liaison will help to ensure a fair voting process. Each board member will write up a brief description of their role in their position and send it to Jasmine. Jasmine will solicit our membership to create a nominating committee. Jasmine will move forward with the nominating committee’s process.
* For future elections, we need to create a defined timeline to ensure the process can be completed within the appropriate time before the biennial. Starting the election process in January would give us enough time to get through the entire process.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40.