In attendance:


Called the board meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda
   - Motion to approve the agenda (1st Motion: Angela Newman; 2nd motion: Chrissie Morrison); motion carried.
3. Approval of Minutes from February 1, 2019 board meeting – Kim Hazen
   - Motion to approve the minutes (1st Motion: Chrissie Morrison; 2nd motion: Laura Panter); motion carried.
4. Treasurer’s Report: Elissa Valente (see attached financial report)
   - Galina recommended that we set up an online registration platform for vendors of next year’s YSS Spring Conference.
   - YSS continues to maintain a healthy fund balance and to operate within all budget lines.
   - The board was given a copy of the draft for the 2019-2020 YSS Budget for review. Changes were discussed and the budget will be finalized at the summer board meeting.
   - Motion to approve the treasurer’s report (1st Motion: Lisa Neuman; 2nd Motion: Laura Panter); motion carried.
5. Past President’s Report: Laura Panter
   - Past President’s Dinner
     - We have 26 people attending the Past President’s Dinner. 7 Past Presidents.
     - Most responded to the invitation. Only 7 people did not respond at all.
     - There are (6) raffles at the Past President’s Dinner.
     - NYLA will be taking care of the bill for the restaurant.
   - EALA
     - Laura Panter audited all of the EALA classes with a few exceptions.
     - After talks with Jeremy, we are keeping the EALA program as is for next year.
     - Registration will be up online by June 1, 2019.
     - The EALA and Stephanie Squicciarini Scholarship pages on the YSS website have been updated by Amy Holland as of last week.
     - Laura Panter emailed all of the EALA Faculty to see who will stay on for another year of the academy. A couple are confirmed so far.
     - EALA Scholarship deadline will by July 1, 2019.
   - YSS Board Elections
     - We have one candidate for VP/President Elect running unopposed- Jennifer Burke.
• We have two candidates running for Secretary—Ashley Bressingham, Youth Services Librarian at the White Plains Public Library and Rosemary Kiladitis, Assistant Community Manager at Queens Library’s Queensboro Hill Community Library.
• Motion to approve this election slate (1st Motion: Chrissie Morrison; 2nd Motion: Liz Anastasi; motion carried)
• We need to prepare new by-laws for the Summer Board Meeting proposing the change in the Director position to move year 1 to the Conference Planner Committee and year 2&3 to Spring Conference Planning Director.

**Battle of the Books Update**

• Battle of the Books Task Force for 2019 will develop a written charge of the goal, create a structure and timeline for the Battle of the Books statewide, establish a fee structure for how the Battle will be funded. Deadline would July 10, 2019 for the Task Force to have all of this written up for review to present at our summer board meetings.
• The goal is to have our first state Battle kicked off for the 2020-2021 school year. Task Force should decide on a proposed date for this.
• Once the charge is completed, we need to approve the action and vote on creating another YSS committee similar to the Legislative Task Force.

6. **President’s Report: Lisa Neuman**

   a) *Amending the bylaws to change the Director position to Spring Conference Director*

   b) *Rename Conference Planning Committee to Fall Conference Curation Committee or YSS NYLA Conference Curation Committee*

   • Motion to approve renaming the Conference Planning Committee to YSS NYLA Conference Curation Committee (1st Motion: Lisa Neuman; 2nd Motion: Laura Panter); motion carried.

   c) *Empire State Center for the book ad for Richard Peck*

   • Empire State Center for the Book will be inducting Richard Peck into the NYS Writers Hall of Fame on Tuesday, June 4. He was the recipient of the Empire State Author Award in 1997 and the Knickerbocker Award in 2008. Rocco has asked if we would like to share a ½ page ad with SSL. The cost would be $250.
   • Motion to approve an increase the amount from $200 to $250 in the ESA line to cover the cost of the ad (1st Motion: Lisa Neuman; 2nd Motion: Chrissie Morrison; motion carried).

   d) *Updates from NYLA Council*

   • The council met via conference call on March 14, 2019, they reviewed the budget process, the conference planning process and introduced the officer slate for this summer’s elections. The slate was approved.
   • The council also voted to distribute $3,000 from the disaster relief fund for the Barker Public Library.

7. **2nd Vice-President’s Membership Report: Chinasa Seyse**

   • As of March 2019, the total membership stands at 6,964. (last March at 6,388) The YSS sectional membership is 882.
   • Rebecca Lubin, Chair of the NYLA Membership Committee, held a conference call meeting on March 6. The agenda items covered included: sectional goals, membership survey review, and Membership Committee goals for 2019.
Plans to create a PSA are ongoing. The idea is to put out a call for photos from all libraries that wish to be included in the video.

Four Jotform entries received since February 2019.

Correspondence was sent to the following groups:
  o New members
  o Expiring or expired members
  o Member spotlight for entries for the Summer Newsletter

An active member spreadsheet now exists on the main YSS Google drive folder to keep track of interested volunteers and is located at this link: [Link available to board members only]

A few more revisions were added to 2nd VP Timeline (approved Feb. 2019 board meeting) to provide clarity:
  o Send out monthly welcome e-mails
  o See examples in Membership Letters of Google Drive folder
  o Manage and keep current the Active Members Google Sheet
  o Include the following documents as attachments and links in correspondences:
    1. Checking Your Affiliations to NYLA,
    2. Join the YSS Listserv Invitation,
    3. Check your Active Membership Status
    4. Manage Jotform; and,
    5. Newsletter links
  o Manage and keep current the active members Google spreadsheet with the help of the YSS Board. [Link available to board members only]

A revision to Section 8 of the Second VP_Membership (Approved Feb.2019) job description states:

8. The second vice president/membership contacts members who have not renewed their membership with YSS. This information is available for download from the Section/Roundtable/Committee Rosters: YSS-Youth Services once you log into the NYLA.org website.

Section 10 deleted and section 11 re-numbered to section 10.

Motion to approve the 2nd Vice President/President Membership job description (1st Motion: Chrissie Morrison; 2nd Motion: Amanda Schiavulli).

8. Conference Planning Committee - Jessica Bowen

  - We discussed the programs that YSS would have at the NYLA Conference in November 2019.
  - We would like to have some of the programs as tabletalks instead of a workshop. We need to get in touch with the presenters to see if this would be a possibility.

9. YSS Legislative Committee Liaison Report – Mary Fellows

  - According to people who know, this was one of the strangest and most disappointing budget years in recent memory. It was disappointing for libraries, for sure, in our budget “gains”, which were simply to restore the cut the Governor made in State Library Aid in his initial budget.
  - The library construction aid budget was defunded by the Governor some $20M, and we weren’t successful in restoring that cut in the final budget.
• We also lobbied for money in the budget to help libraries help Census-takers, which we know we’ll be doing as the trusted, connected community institutions that libraries are. Census money was given to an agency that hasn’t historically worked closely with libraries to distribute.

• We’re working now on policy bills:
  o A request for library systems to be authorized to use a 90 aid/10 library match for construction projects, at system staff’s discretion.
  o TAPIR – the nutshell version: a request that publicly funded research be available free for one year after publication.
  o School librarians bill – the “Ensure Access to School Libraries and School Librarians” bill would require every elementary and secondary school in NYS to provide students with a school library staffed by a certified School Library Media Specialist.

• Mary Fellows hoped to have it ready but is waiting on some small changes.
• When it is ready we will have an e-vote.

11. Vice President-President Elect Report – Amanda Schiavulli
• Amanda Schiavulli was contacted by interested committee members for the 2019-2020 slate for the following committees: Pied Piper; ESA; Marketing; and Scholarship.
• Amanda Schiavulli is still looking for people interested in Fall Conference Planning, 3 Apples, and C.E. Liaison.

3 Apples
• Voting is underway from April 1-30.
• Downloadable brochures, paper ballots, posters and bookmarks with QR codes as well as online voting forms for students and librarians are all available on the NYLA website (www.nyla.org/3apples).
• Winners will be announced on the website and on social media in May.
• A write-up about the 3 Apples Award and voting was submitted for the YSS Spring 2019 Newsletter and a flyer was created and submitted for the YSS 2019 Conference.

Empire State Award Committee
2020 ESA Business
• Having trouble getting in contact with the selected winner regarding appearing at the 2020 Empire State Award Luncheon in Saratoga.
• May need to go with second choice if unable to get the selected author to speak.

Pied Piper Award Committee
• The Pied Piper Award Committee is pleased to announce that the 2019 winner has been notified and will be announced at the Spring Conference in Tarrytown.

Marketing Committee
• Last meeting they discussed formulating a message to send to MLIS programs to drive up membership for YSS. After reviewing the message, the YSS board suggested adding “Will you do this for us?”
• The Marketing Committee also created two flyer templates with the YSS logo that other committees or individuals who are not comfortable with creating a flyer can use.
Committee Successes since the last committee report:

- Consistent posting to social media via Pinterest, Facebook, and Twitter.
- YSS Pinterest Account – Chris has begun a new board on our Pinterest page titled “Spring Story Hour.” We currently have 28 followers and 188 monthly views.
- YSS Facebook account – Since the last report, we have gained 14 more followers on Facebook for a total of 491.
  - “Take Your Child to the Library Day,” posted on 1/30/19, has been our most popular post this quarter. On YSS’s page directly, it had 10 likes, 8 shares, and 4 comments- our most interactive post yet. Over the 8 shares, it has had 51 reactions, comments, & shares, and reached a total of 707 people.
  - “YSS Conference Keynote Speaker,” posted on 3/1/19, was also well received. On YSS’s page directly, it had 11 likes and 6 shares. Over the 6 shares, it has had 19 reactions, comments, & shares, and reached a total of 727 people.
- YSS Twitter account – We now have 156 followers. We’ve had 13 new members since last report in January. Our most popular tweets this quarter are:
  - “Conference Registration Keynote Speaker”- with 423 impressions.
  - Top Mention- “NYLA YSS Webinar 4/2” with 10 engagements.

Scholarship Committee
- The 2019 Anne Gibson Scholarship application and information has been sent out. As of April 10, there have not been any applications received.

Continuing Education Liaison Report
- Dan Barbour and Jen McGrath presented their webinar on "Enhancing your summer programming with out of this world family programs" on April 2. This is the complete information on the webinar.
- We are all set for Joyce Laiosa to present the pre-conference workshop at NYLA annual conference in November entitled Today’s Comic/Graphic Novels and Graphic Nonfiction – Programs, Book Groups, and Lesson Plans, Oh My!
- The YSS Executive board said yes to the CE budget request of $820.00 for Joyce Laiosa to present the CE.
- The Executive board said there is $100 to do a January webinar.

Intellectual Freedom Committee Liaison Report
- After their initial meeting at the Fall Conference, most of what’s occurred is emails from the chairperson, Sara Dallas. She serves on the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee as well, and prepares the New York State portion of the “State of the States” quarterly report. The committee receives links to news articles from Sara regularly, with reports of intellectual freedom battles being fought around the nation. Some of these articles are uplifting—the Charleston, South Carolina principal who backed up her teachers when an assignment linked to The Hate U Give was challenged, or the Andover, Kansas public library keeping three books about transgender youth in the children’s section—but so many are disheartening.
- The Intellectual Freedom Committee is also charged with establishing a subcommittee to review nominations to award the Intellectual Freedom Award. The
Web Liaison Report

- Cleaned up permissions on Google Drive for all Committees.
- Developing instructions for all board and committee members who use the YSS Drive. It’ll include practical instructions, like how to upload files, as well as the types of info people should be including. For continuity's sake, it would be helpful for future committee/board members to have easy access to an organized cache of all the committee's prior work. I'm sure that was one of the original goals of setting up the Drive, but it seems like we've gotten away from that. If there were instructions uploaded to each committee's/board member's folder, maybe that would help.

New York State Library Liaison

1. Ready to Read at New York Libraries

- **The Supercharged Storytimes for All** staff training program that began in October 2018 has completed 2 full training cycles; our role as a partner state with this OCLC/WebJunction project has officially concluded. 171 participants signed up to take one of the 6-week training sessions, and 96 people completed a full cycle. There has been a lot of interest in additional SSA training, so several options for offering more training are under discussion with our group of certified SSA trainers.

- **SAVE THE DATE!** A Ready to Read webinar on incorporating math and science into storytimes and preschool programs is being planned for **June 12th.** Registration details and more information will be sent out soon.

2. Summer Reading at New York Libraries

- READsquared online registration software is available statewide at NO COST to libraries or systems.
- Resources and promotional materials for “A Universe of Stories” continue to be added to the Summer Reading site at [http://www.summerreadingnys.org/librarians-educators/le-summer-reading-links/](http://www.summerreadingnys.org/librarians-educators/le-summer-reading-links/)
- **2019 Explore NY Reading Lists**, bookmarks, and templates are now available at [http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer/explore.htm](http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer/explore.htm)
- myON Partnership 2018 final report is available on the Summer Reading site at [http://www.summerreadingnys.org/category/summer-reading-news/](http://www.summerreadingnys.org/category/summer-reading-news/)
- **2019 Summer Reading kickoff event** planning is underway and will take place in early June with location to be announced soon.

9. Second Year Director Report – Angela Newman

2020 Conference Planning

- The date of the conference will be May 15, 2020; no conflict with SSL
- All venues have been secured and payment requests sent to NYLA; main venue is the 1000 Island Harbor Hotel in Clayton, NY. Additional venues include the Clayton Opera House, the Antique Boat Museum, and the Hawn Memorial Library.
- The planning committee met in February to discuss theme, potential session topics/presenters, and keynote and luncheon speakers
  - The theme will be “Stone Soup: Stronger Libraries Through Inclusion and Collaboration”
The keynote speaker will be Ellen Oh of We Need Diverse Books. She has also agreed to do two breakout sessions and sign books. Contract is signed.

10. **First Year Director’s Report – Angela Newman**
   - Showed the items that she will be selling at the booth.
   - We are having inexpensive items that can double as presenter gifts.

11. **Third Year Director’s Report – Liz Anastasi**
   - We have 23 vendors and author tables at the YSS Conference.
   - We didn’t get a lot of attendees for the self-publishing workshop so that program will be condensed.

13. **Unfinished Business** – None
14. **New Business** - None
15. **Adjournment**
   - Motion to adjourn at 12:32 p.m.(1st Motion: Lisa Neuman; 2nd Motion: Angela Newman); motion carried.