

**LACONI YSS Board Meeting**  
**Burr Oak Service Center**  
**February 10, 2012**

Board members in attendance were Liz McChesney, Dana Folkerts, Laura Yanchick, Christy Kepler, Jen Abler, Joyce Arellano, Emily Porter, Jessica Parker, Jenny Brander, Dee Delaney, Lindsey Dorfman and Dana Russell.

Vice President Dee Delaney called the meeting to order at 10:02. Members shared what they were currently reading.

**Secretary's Report**

The minutes from the November 4, 2011 board meeting were read and approved with corrections. Lindsey sought clarification on Article VI, Section 2, Term of Office, specifically the length of terms of office. The minutes from the November 19, 2011 general meeting were read and approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer's report was read and approved after some discussion on the cost of the Michael Sullivan program. It was also pointed out that not-for-profits are not intended to carry over the balance that LACONI YSS has from year to year.

**Old Business**

- **November Program**

Attendees were an interesting mix of people – administrators, librarians and teachers. The comments about the program were shared with board members.

- **February Program**

Jim Aylesworth's price is \$500 plus transportation. Food will be Italian. Committee will bring desserts, drink and bread. Tinley Park Public Library will provide coffee and tea. Lindsey will call Tinley and confirm the number of chairs needed when registration is more solidly confirmed. Only have approximately 40 registered now so another email blast will be done with an extended registration date with no additional amount charged to those who register by the extended date.

Laura will have the checkbook that day. If payments are made at the door, money will need to be given to Jen A. since she will not be attending the program. Dana R. & Jenny B. will work the registration table.

Dee is working on getting books by the authors presenting. Lindsey will be available to Aylesworth, Dana R. for James Kennedy and Laura for Earl Sewell. Books will most likely be ordered through Homewood Public Library. However, Lindsey will contact Tinley library to check if books can be sold through the library. Contact will also be made with a bookstore in Orland and see if they are able to supply books. Board members need to be at the library at 8:30. If the main door is locked, call Sharon Dudeck, Head of Youth Services. Lindsey will send out her phone number before the program date.

Copies of the Jim Gill registration form should be available that day.

- **April Program**

Program will be held at Poplar Creek Public Library which can hold up to 300 people with just chairs. There is a separate room that can be set up with tables and chairs for lunch. This room has a limit of 150. Joyce will stop by the library and look at the rooms.

Gill will bring materials to sell so he will need a table. Will also need to add to the flyer that only cash and checks will be accepted if purchases are made.

- **September Program**

Lindsey discussed the possibility of continuing to pursue Jack Gantos. His fees are high but perhaps working with schools and having him do a number of presentations would help. We would also need to cover transportation from Boston. It was also suggested we might be able to host him at Chicago Public. Lindsey will follow up with Gantos' agent. Liz will also check to see if Harold Washington is available on September 29.

If Gantos is not possible, perhaps a Caldecott Retrospective in Chicago is a possibility.

## **New Business**

- **Harvest of Resources**

Jenny B. and Liz will be leaving the board in May. CPL is no longer doing professional development and with other changes occurring there, the library is no longer able to participate in LACONI for the foreseeable future. Liz said CPL will help as much as possible and in any way they are able. CPL may still be able to host Harvest, but will no longer be able to provide the staff to assist.

Discussion was held on other potential venues and Liz & Jenny will help to set up a venue. Can it be held in a school gymnasium, at a theater through a school's theater program, a community college or a local community theater?

Lindsey will contact College of DuPage; Liz will contact Abbingdon Banquets in Glen Ellyn and Dana F. will contact Hinsdale Community House.

- **Slate of Officers**

Lindsey will be vice president. Joyce will take on the Treasurer's job. Board voted and approved the nominations.

There will be eight open slots on the board that need to be filled. After discussion, offers will be made to Diane Norris-Kuczynski, Mary Smith, Susan Kunkle, Marianne Ryczek, Heather Venetucci-Johnson, Laura Mesjak, Janice Bojda and Danielle Taylor. Patricia Greedon and Tom Kochinski will be asked to participate if any of the above are unable to join the board.

All new members will need to come to the May meeting. The slate will be published during the Jim Gill program and it will be suggested that new board members attend.

Laura will prepare the slate and have it available for the February general meeting.

Jessica will contact someone at the former DLS building and see if they can host the May meeting.

A motion was made to table the By-Laws revision discussion. The motion was passed.

Jessica will get in touch with Rita Feltes to get the historian documents. She will keep them until a new historian is named.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40.