

LACONI YSS Board Meeting
West Chicago Public Library
September 9, 2011

Board members in attendance were Joyce Arellano, Jennifer Brander, Shelley Campbell, Dee Delaney, Dana Folkerts, Elisa Gueffier, Christy Kepler, Elizabeth McChesney, Jessica Parker, Alicia Parmele, Emily Porter and Dana Russell.

President Shelley Campbell called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the May 20 board meeting were read and approved with corrections.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was read and approved as submitted.

Old Business

- Harvest of Resources
 - Website lists everyone performing
 - Board needs to be at Harold Washington at 8:30 except for greeters who can arrive by 9:00.
 - Refreshments are almost in place. A bid from another catering establishment was entertained but there were some concerns so Blue Plate will be the food provider. Breakfast will arrive at 8 a.m.
 - Board members should enter the library through the west side (Plymouth entrance) and come downstairs. Guards will be in place to guide people.
 - CPL staff will greet and lead performers to where they need to be.
 - Performers are presenting based on the difficulty of set-ups. Three performers with the lowest level of maintenance will perform last because of the Lincoln performer to follow Harvest of Resources. Performer order will be finalized September 10 and Liz will send out to rest of board.
 - There was discussion on the best places for board members to park if driving in.
 - Timekeeper – a stopwatch is needed. CPL will check on availability at the library; Dee will bring one if necessary. Signs indicating time left (5 and 3 minutes and stop) need to be made. Alicia has stop sign and Christy will make others.
 - Dana F. asked about responsibilities at the performer display tables which was explained.
 - Information packets – registrants will get one when they come in. It will include a flyer directing people to blog for performer information. Flyer for the November program, which will be emailed to Liz, needs to be in the packets. A list of dates and places for the rest of the programs should be added as well.

- Registration table – Board members should let people know that there are performers in the multipurpose room where breakfast is. Feathers will be given out here.
- Lunch comes at 11:00. Refreshment people need to be available at that time to answer questions. Lunches for behind the scenes people will need to be pulled ahead of time.
- If any questions about where to go and what to do, please see Liz or Bernie when arriving at Harold Washington.
- The agenda for the day was discussed. Jessica will take photos at lunch.
- November program
 - Michael Sullivan will do a version of his Connecting Boys with Books with a presentation in the a.m. about connecting with boys, a storytelling introduction and in the p.m. a conversation about why boys' literature gets a bad rap.
 - His fee is \$2100 which includes transportation, hotel and presentation. Jen A. will need a copy of his contract. Jessica needs a description of the program. Dee said the website had information that Jessica could use.
 - Food was discussed briefly, but need to get Harvest completed first. There was a question asked about whether YSS section or the hosting library will be providing coffee.
- By Laws
 - By laws committee met in July. Board was presented with proposed changes.
 - There was continued discussion about the terms of office. Board will discuss at length the proposed changes at the November board meeting.

New Business

- Audit Report – only 95% done. There is one bank statement missing and with Jen A. on vacation, Dee needs to wait for her return to finish.
- Executive board meeting, August 18 – Dee reported a few details from the meeting:
 - There are two separate forms for member libraries to fill out – a membership list form and a salary survey form.
 - Board wants LACONI to have more photographic presence on website and so the IT section needs a contact in each section to post photos
 - As a not for profit organization, there should only be a certain amount of money in each section's bank account. Someone will be looking into what that amount is.
- February/April programs
 - There was continued discussion on what programs to do in February and April: a transitional reader program in February, perhaps with booktalks of transitional readers, a transitional author presentation and programming for this age group. Should look at Horning from U. of Wisconsin or Esme Codell. Discussion for April program: how do you bring in organizations and technologies under a constrained budget with possible speaker Doug Johnson from BlueSkunk. Also discussed science in the library because of the current STEM skills (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) requirements.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:05.

