

LACONI YSS General Meeting
February 24, 2012
Tinley Park Public Library

An Author for All Ages featuring Jim Aylesworth, James Kennedy and Earl Sewell

At 10:06, Vice President Dee Delaney called the meeting to order. She read the LACONI YSS mission statement, discussed the schedule for the day, shared April's upcoming program and introduced current board members. The 2012-2013 slate of officers was presented.

Secretary's Report

The November 19, 2011 general meeting minutes were read and filed.

Treasurer's Report

Due to the absence of Jen A., no treasurer's report was read.

The business meeting adjourned at 10:13.

Jim Aylesworth shared highlights of his career as an author and teacher and the evolution from one to the other. After Aylesworth's presentation, we broke for lunch and he signed books for participants. Lunch was catered by Gatto's.

After lunch, James Kennedy talked about his book, *The Order of Odd-Fish*, and performed an excerpt from it. He showed photos of some of the fan art from readers of his book. He shared videos and information about his 90 second Newbery Film Festival. He also does presentations to students about his time spent living in Japan called "Real Japan for Anime Fans."

Earl Sewell discussed his career as a writer of teen African American fiction. When he began writing for Harlequin, it was an experiment and is now more successful than its teen fiction line. He also did a reading from one of his Keisha novels.

Both authors signed books after the afternoon's presentations.

The session ended at 3:14.