

LACONI YSS General Meeting

Friday, February 26, 2010

Serving Children With Special Needs **Gail Borden Public Library, Elgin**

President Laura Yanchick called the meeting to order at 10:10 am. She welcomed everyone, read the LACONI Youth Services mission statement and introduced board members.

Secretary's Report

Christy Kepler read the secretary's report. The report was approved and filed.

Treasurer's Report

Jen Abler read the treasurer's report. The report was approved and filed.

Programming

Kathy Fredrickson presented the upcoming programs. "Young Adult Programs and Spaces," will be held in April at the La Grange Public Library. In September, at the Montgomery Campus of the Oswego Public Library District, the program will feature author, Simone Elkeles.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

President Laura Yanchick adjourned the business meeting at 10:15 am.

The Serving Children with Special Needs program followed.

Christopher Flint, from the Autism Project of Illinois presented what autism is and ways that people can work and communicate with people on the spectrum.

Lunch was an Italian buffet catered by the Neighborhood Deli & Café.

Liz McChesney from the Chicago Public Library presented the background and the programming and services that CPL provides for patrons on the spectrum and their families. Afterwards, children's librarian, Mary Dressler, presented sample activities from programs for kids with special needs.

The afternoon concluded with a panel discussion lead by Liz McChesney. On the panel were two parents of kids on the spectrum, Joanne Chun Hughes and Lilya Zigelman.

The general meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm.