

LACONI YSS General Meeting
Friday, April 29, 2011

Tween Library Services
Naperville Public Library – 95th Street Branch, Naperville, IL

President Kathy Fredrickson called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. She welcomed everyone, and read the LACONI Youth Services mission statement.

Current board members were introduced and departing members recognized. The slate for the 2011-2012 board was presented and approved. It was noted that the board members still represent the five systems until the systems dissolve in July. The by-laws will be amended to reflect their dissolution. Kathy reminded the group that Harvest of Resources is coming up in September and that information regarding Harvest can be found on the LACONI website.

Secretary's Report

The February 25, 2011 general meeting secretary's report was read and filed.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was read and filed.

The business meeting adjourned at 10:06

Vice-president Shelley Campbell welcomed everyone and noted that the main responsibility of the board Vice-president is to plan the programs for the upcoming year. She asked that participants include their ideas for the programs in the evaluations. She reminded everyone that CPDUs are available for these programs.

Shelley introduced the morning speaker, Thom Barthelmess, Curator of the Butler Children's Literature Center at Dominican University Graduate School of Library and Information Science. Thom presented his book talk, Matching Books and Tweens.

Lunch was catered by Lou Malnati's.

In the afternoon, six presenters discussed the tween programs at their libraries.

Dan Braun of Worth Public Library spoke about several successful programs, including gaming, science programs theme parties and a library scavenger hunt.

Dawn Abron and Sarah Covey of Zion-Benton Public Library demonstrated their formula for devising successful programs and gave a few examples.

Valerie Verscaj of St. Charles Public Library presented two programs for Middle School students: Book Buddies and Junior Friends.

Amanda Crowley of Bridgeview Public Library talked about the planning and production of a tween book club.

Colleen Blase of Cook Memorial Public Library talked about the important elements of tween programming, gave a few examples of Cook's tween programs and stressed that food is an important element in all tween programming.

The meeting adjourned at 2:28 pm.