

**Children & Young People's Section (CYPS)  
Annual Business Meeting  
Wednesday, September 27, 2006.  
MLA Conference, St. Cloud, MN.**

The meeting was called to order at 11:31 a.m., agenda and minutes of 2005 meeting were approved as presented.

**I. Chair's Report**

James reported investigation of budget issues. CYP currently has \$1250 from Child's World for an early literacy project. A partnership was formed with the Ready 4 K organization to continue early literacy efforts under Ready 4 K At Your MN Library.

**II. Ongoing Business**

**A. Sharon Lerner Scholarships**

No scholarships were awarded in 2006. Question was raised if the monies should go to Early Literacy tool kits for each region. James reported that funds are requested and granted specifically for scholarships. Follow up in 2007 with Lerner and MLA director to request a change from 3 registration-only scholarships to one full conference scholarship.

**B. Spotlight on Books**

It was announced that the annual children's literature conference will be held April 13-14, 2007 at Rutgers' Sugar Lake Lodge in Grand Rapids, MN. Mike Mann will be the keynote speaker on Friday. Authors include Derek Anderson, Marsha Qualey and Steven Kellogg are also presenting.

**C. Minnesota Storytime**

This project in partnership with the Minnesota Humanities Commission is in the planning stage to include books for older readers ("Books Across MN" is the current working title). *I Love Minnesota Storytime* is an opportunity for libraries to get an author or illustrator to visit their location on February 10, 2007. Proposals should be storytime events, using a MN Storytime guide in the program. Contact Tom Fitzpatrick at the Humanities Commission for more information.

**D. Books Across MN**

The component of MN Storytime for older readers, *Books Across MN*, will soon be launched. Librarians have been working on this for over a year, and are looking for books with that Minnesota author or MN connection. Guides should be kid-friendly. The committee is currently trying to pick 3 books to get a layout for the guides, as was done with MN Storytime. More members are needed and welcomed. Contact Tom Fitzpatrick at the Humanities Commission for more information.

**E. Library Day with the MN Twins**

There were 298 tickets were sold, less than in years past. See pictures of the children involved (national anthem and first pitch) were posted on the Twins' website. Discussion revolved around on whether or not the event is worth the effort. It was decided we should continue for another year or two to see if we can increase numbers. This based on fact that we do reach a high percentage non-library users at sporting events. The event is political as Lerner Corporation

supports it with posters, therefore it should not just be dropped. The consensus was that the event should be held in July and at a day game.

**F. Mock Newbery and Caldecott Awards**

It was announced that the mock awards will be held on January 13 and 17. Additional information can be found at [www.stillwaterlibrary.org/mock.htm](http://www.stillwaterlibrary.org/mock.htm) A mock Printz award will be held as well.

**G. Minnesota Youth Reading Awards (MYRA)**

No major changes have taken place in the Maud Hart Lovelace award. It was announced that all MELSA libraries are participating in the award this year, with online voting provided by Hennepin County Library.

**H. MLA Membership Committee**

The committee is working on changes to the fee structure for MLA members. There is also an emphasis on recruitment of new members. Each section needs a representative on the committee. Chair will sit in on meetings as no one stepped forward to volunteer.

**I. CYP Webpage**

The webpage is in need of an update and monitoring. A request was made for a volunteer to take on the task of making the page "prettier and more informative". All items would be submitted to MLA director Barbara Vaughn for posting. One item to consider would be an Early Literacy bibliography for all CYP members to use. Ruth Solie moved that this webpage monitor position be created, Anne Friederichs seconded, and it passed.

**J. Minnesota Summer Reading Program**

2007's Summer Reading Program's theme is "Go Bananas at Your Library" with artwork by Derek Anderson, featuring Gladys the gorilla.

**K. Conferences and events**

a. Capitol Read-a-thon

Lacking an intern to coordinate, Jim Davnie asked CYP to coordinate. An effort was made to find an intern through the library school at St Catherine's, but this position is a short term fulltime internship.

b. Other

- Family Literacy Conference
- Children's Literature Network Book Festival
- MN Community Education Association Resource Fair

**III. New Business**

**A. CYP Advisory Council**

It was discussed that the Chair needs assistance to provide leadership and keep CYP moving forward throughout the year. The decision was made to create an Advisory Committee of 7 people, including chair, immediate past chair, incoming chair and 4 more individuals. Valen moved to form the CYP Advisory Council. Cuddigan seconded. Motion carried.

**B. Membership Committee Representative**

Linda Valen nominated Karen Kolb Peterson, Anne Friederichs seconded and it was passed.

**C. Advisory Council Membership**

2007 Committee would include immediate past Chair, Kathleen James, Current Chair, Karen Kolb Peterson and the incoming chair. Ex officio members, who

have worked closely in developing Ready 4 K at Your MN Library, would include: Maggie Snow, Ruth Solie, Gretchen Wronka, and Anne Friederichs. Jennifer Verbrugge, Nancy Smith and Julie Broyles agreed to serve on the Advisory Council. No one stepped forward to serve as incoming chair.

**D. Webpage Monitor/Advisor**

Anne Friederichs volunteered to be the webpage monitor/advisor. Linnéa Christensen nominated Friederichs, seconded by Jennifer Verbrugge. Nomination carried.

**E. Ready 4 K at Your Minnesota Library Next Steps**

Discussion centered on fundraising for continuation. It was decided to develop a set of early literacy bookmarks around the six skills. The \$1250 from Child's World will be used for graphic design and/or printing costs.

**F. Read Across MN**

James announced that CYP received an \$5000 grant from the MLA Foundation to develop an advocacy campaign aimed at drawing attention of elected officials to the role that public libraries play in early literacy. More information will be available soon, check the website or contact Kathleen James.

**IV. Discussion items**

**A. Conference Ideas**

- Ideas from the Urban Libraries Conference in New York October 19-20. (Karen Kolb Peterson)
- Conducting parent/caregiver workshops
- 60 in 90 –Gail Nordstrom will coordinate.
- Tomas and the Library Lady play
- Best Practices in Summer program—Nancy Smith and Dotz Johnson will coordinate.
- El Dia de los Niños—there will be 7 minigrants for \$300 each available.
- Reforma has a grant for Su Bibliotecka –Maureen Cuddigan and Laura Randolph will coordinate.

**B. Youth Services Compentecies manual**

Revision of the competencies manual was discussed. Anyone is interested should contact Kathleen James.

**C. Awards**

A CYPS Librarian of the Year Award was discussed. It was changed to Youth Services project of the year. Discussion tabled at this point due to lack of time.

**V. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 1:08 p.m.