

OYAN Quarterly Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2004
Newberg Public Library

Attending

Executive Board: Carol Reich, Chair (Hillsboro); John Sexton, Co-Vice Chair (Jackson County); Ali Kastner, Co-Vice Chair (Multnomah County); Susan Ludington, Secretary (Deschutes County); K'Lyn Hann, Web Editor (Newberg). Absent: Lee Catalano, Newsletter Editor (Multnomah County); Anne Guevara, Past Chair (Jackson County).

Members: Judy Dunlap and Jackie Rose (Lake Oswego); Louise Meyers (Monmouth); Jeannie Rogers (Woodburn); Diana Anderson (McMinnville); Heidi Weisel (Covallis-Benton County); Leigh Ann Morlock (Vernonia); Ruth Allen (Multnomah County); Doris Hicks (Albany); and Laura Mikowski (Hillsboro).

Introductions

After member introductions, Reich stated that we would hold off on Book Rave discussion until after getting through new business. Due to the typical increase of topics under new business at this time of year, she suggested that, in the future, January meetings start an hour earlier.

Old Business

The October minutes as changed prior to the meeting were reviewed and discussed. Members neglected to officially move and second the approval of the minutes.

As of November 30, 2003, OYAN has \$4643.02 in its account.

Allen presented a summary of the Mock Printz workshop held at Multnomah County Library on December 5, 2003. Approximately 40 people participated, which included about 15 OYAN members. The 4-hour workshop covered an overview of the Printz Award and Allen's experience on the current committee; this was followed by people breaking up into small groups to talk about the nominated books and then returning later to report their individual and group votes. The winning title was *Fat Kid Rules the World* by K.L. Going and the honor book was *A Northern Light* by Jennifer Donnelly. Allen proposed that OYAN take over the responsibility of doing a Mock Printz workshop annually, and expressed a willingness to assist with its organization. Members agreed that OYAN should take this on.

Continuing Business

The Dahlgreen Report

Dahlgreen couldn't attend this meeting, so asked Reich to make a mention of the Letters about Literature celebration: The celebration for the Oregon winners will be held at the Oregon State Library on Monday, April 19 at 4:00 pm.

OLA Sessions Update

Reich announced we're "perking right along" with preparations for OLA: We've secured Nancy Osa, winner of the Delacorte Press Prize for a First Young Adult Novel, for the Author Session; descriptions are in to the conference program planners, and equipment needs are being addressed; confirmed Book Rave speakers are Sexton, Kastner, and Morlock and Crossover Books speakers are Reich, Ludington, and Marsha Weber (from PLD).

OLA Board Report

Reich summarized main points at the OLA Board meeting, which included:

- Wyma Rogers ALA report talked about YALSA's Teens Top Ten first national vote that took place online over Teen Read Week in October. Teens voted for their top 3 favorites from 35 titles, and a (somewhat disappointing) total of 1700 teen votes were received.
- Metro debt is still unresolved with the CSD; currently at \$25,000-\$28,000 and since there was no written agreement, there is no legal obligation on the part of the donor, who is also quite broke.
- PNLA Leadership Institute still shaping up: It will be held October 24-29, 2004 in Federal Way, WA for people who have 5-15 years in library work. OYAN is responsible for potential membership scholarship support. Cost is looking at \$777 + travel, but still seeking corporate sponsorship which would help the price go down.

OYAN Web Update

Hann announced that the OYAN website has been updated with new color scheme, layout, and other major changes. Links are being tested for currency, and Hann will accept suggestions for additions or subtractions. Allen suggested we contact YALSA to include OYAN's website

The "Web Resources" section had been eliminated by Hann, but she's willing to put back up if membership thinks it's relevant. Members agreed it's important for our division to share this info, so Hann will take email suggestions for potential inclusions. Ludington suggested that things visible should reflect items of interest to librarians serving teens, like booklists

SRP Collaborative Update

Reich talked to Chandra Van Eijnsbergen (CSD Vice-Chair), who suggested that Reich attend the 3-day national meeting to discuss future Collaborative themes and projects. Will cost approximately \$525, to be paid for by OYAN. Members agree that it's important for Reich to attend, in order to give some concrete input into the YA component.

YRCA Nominations Reminder

Reich reminded members that 2005 title nominations are due by February 1st; can nominate any 2002 titles targeted to grades 4-6, 7-9, 10-12. Nominations can be sent to Jackie Partch [jacquelp@multcolib.org]. It was discussed that voting for this year's YRCA award will likely take place in late March.

New Business

OLA By-Laws Amendment

The OLA Board moved to get each division to alter their by-laws to allow proxies, whereby the chair could appoint another Executive Board member to substitute for her/him as Chair at meetings or at OLA Board meetings due to illness or other absence. Reich handed out a copy of the proposed OYAN by-law change including the purpose and proposed text to be added to the by-laws. Members discussed the wording, changed "may appoint a proxy" to "will appoint a proxy," and voted unanimously to add the proposed paragraph into the by-laws. Actual inclusion won't be completed until the OLA Board approves the proposal.

@ Your Library Teen Campaign

Reich received a packet of promotional material for YALSA's "Get on Board and Read @ Your Library" contest, including posters and bookmarks, and offered them to members to take back to their libraries. Kastner took the opportunity to also offer free books, mostly aimed at teens, that she had brought with her. An aside discussion ensued regarding book budgets for YA collections in members' libraries. Allen also announced additional information from ALA: The membership numbers for YALSA have now surpassed that of the ALSC membership, which might indicate that YA services are being recognized as significant as children's services.

Teen Book Award Idea

Ludington introduced the idea of OYAN creating and sponsoring an annual YA book award. In investigating whether or not the teen divisions of other state associations had created such an award, she found that not too many examples existed, citing the Evergreen Young Adult Book Award (sponsored by WASHYARG), the Garden State Book Awards (sponsored by the New Jersey Library Association), and the Young Adult Canadian Book Award (sponsored by the Canadian Library Association). Members discussed the possibility of selecting from the OYAN Book Rave and the titles included in the Mock Printz workshop. Possible corporate sponsors might include Powells, Barnes and Noble, and BWI. Reich suggested that Ludington, Sexton and Allen do follow-up research and put together a proposal that could be shared at the next OYAN meeting.

Statewide Teen Read Proposal

Sexton presented another possible program to be sponsored by OYAN, an "All of Oregon Teens Read" event. Members brainstormed about other comparable programs, and offered ideas that included using titles from the proposed OYAN Book Award, highlighting the event during Teen Read Week, conducting online book chats, and incorporating the title with school curriculum or simply cooperating with schools to promote the program. As such a program wouldn't be incorporated until Fall 2005, Sexton and Weisel will continue to pursue such a program and present updated information to the membership at the July OYAN meeting (or possibly April, depending on their availability).

Spring CSD Workshop Speaker

Reich let the membership know that Ludington would be serving as the OYAN representative at the upcoming CSD Spring Workshop, and suggested that Stephen Engelfried (Beaverton City Library) might be able to volunteer his YA Librarian to assist. Ludington, after conferring with members about the typical set-up of the workshop, asked members to send her copies of handouts, flyers, and other unique materials related to their library's Teen Summer Reading Program. At the workshop, she will share all the submitted ideas.

OLA Retreat Charges

At the Fall OLA Retreat, Reich and others received charges or directions for divisions from OLA President Faye Chadwell, so Reich spent some time identifying how well OYAN is meeting some of those charges:

- *Pursue cooperation among OLA units and its external partners:* Sponsoring conference programs and the raffle
- *Continue to investigate programming possibilities beyond the conference:* Participating with the CSD Spring Workshop, offering the Mock Printz workshop,

contemplating a Statewide Teen Read Program, and possibly offering more programs led by trained leaders of “Serving the Underserved.”

- *Explore means of increasing participation in OLA:* Mechanisms OYAN use include the website and the listserv.
- *Pursue diversity and intensify efforts to recruit into the profession:* Example cited by Hicks explaining participation in job shadowing program coordinated with schools. Reich reminded members that the association recruit’s student interns to work with units. Weisel suggested that OYAN consider getting teens involved with the Book Rave.
- *Communicate with the (OLA) membership and with each other:* OYAN tries to submit relevant information to the OLA Hotline and members are encouraged to make use of the OYAN listserv.

PLA Conference Scholarships and Reports

Reich announced that anyone attending the PLA Conference could consider OYAN scholarship support. If a member does receive a scholarship, they need to provide a report from the conference.

Nominations Committee

Reich, after asking for volunteers to join the OLA Nominations Committee, proposed that Dahlgreen serve on the committee.

OYAN Raffle Report

Kastner presented an update of the Raffle situation: There will be 3 baskets (possibilities include Lord of the Rings, Mt. Bachelor, Harry and David) but no wine this year. She also stated that she is looking for other giveaway ideas, and members offered some ideas. If other suggestions arise, they may be sent to Kastner.

Additional New Business

Hicks asked if members were familiar with the free Chapter a Day book clubs, and sent around a handout that promoted Albany Public Library’s recent acquisition. She proceeded to explain how the program works, and encouraged other libraries to look into it.

Sexton let members know about another free website that displays all newspaper reviews of books, including YA books. Web address is www.reviewsofbooks.com.

Continuing Business (returned)

Book Rave Nominations/Discussion

Sexton handed out the voting form of the nominated Book Rave titles, explaining the process for discussion and voting. Using annotations created by OYAN member Sue Plaisance, Sexton offered to read the book’s description and then call for a vote of inclusion or exclusion. He instructed that members are allowed to vote only on books they’d read, and that the completed list is generally around 20 titles (although there is no hard and fast rule about this). He then proceeded to introduce the 44 nominated books and members, following discussion, expressed their votes. Following today’s voting, Sexton will tally all votes and present the membership with the final compilation via email.

Quarterly Business

Newsletter Submission Due Dates

A sign-up sheet for submissions for the OYAN newsletter was passed around, with the announcement that items are due by April 1st.

Future Meeting Dates

Spring meeting at Eugene Public Library, April 30

Summer meeting in Sue Plaisance's house in Lincoln City, July 23

Fall meeting at Multnomah County Library, October 15

Bibliographies and Programs

Members shared ideas about recent library programs and events:

- Kastner: Homework/Teen Lounge space
- Rose and Dunlap: Movies in library, comic book discussion group, web page book reviews, Teen Council coordinating bulletin board displays
- Meyers: Book sale by teens
- Anderson: New furniture including surfboard table, new couch/chair, neon sign, listening stations
- Weisel: Remodeling library; Gay Ducey, among others, serving as presenter for Tcha-tee man-wi Storytelling Festival February 6-8
- Sexton: Central Library opening April 4
- Ludington: Gail Giles author visit on March 9
- Hann: Kids craft fair of items created by youth and sold this past December
- Allen: Bloodhag concert, "Everybody Reads" going on during the month of February centered on Fahrenheit 451

Submitted by Susan Ludington, OYAN Secretary

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