

**Minutes: OYAN Quarterly Meeting, January 29, 2010  
Jesuit High School**

**INTRODUCTIONS**

**Attendees:** Aimee Meuchel (Tualatin), Susan Smallsreed (Multnomah), Ruth Allen (Multnomah), Kristin Starnes (Corvallis-Benton), Kris Lutsock (McMinneville), Heidi Weisel (Corvallis), Rick Samuelson (WCCLS), Lisa Elliott (Tigard), Mark Richardson (Cedar Mill), Ian Duncanson (Beaverton), K'Lyn Hann (Newberg), Mercedes Hubbard (Deschutes), Peyton Stafford (Peyton Stafford and Associates), Carol Reich (Hillsboro), Sue Plaisance (Hillsboro), Gregory Lum (Jesuit High School), Jenny Fleenor (Milwaukie).

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Review/approve minutes** Carol moved to approve the minutes and Heidi seconded the motion.

**Budget (Susan)** At the end of December, OYAN had \$7851.00 in its coffers. OYAN sponsored several ALA midwinter attendees and will be sponsoring scholarships for other upcoming national conferences.

**RESOURCE SHARING (all)**

**Tualatin PL (Aimee)** The animanga club met and made felt sushi. After some initial disinterest, the teens really got into the craft. An upcoming program is Make and Ugly Doll with LeBrie Rich. Aimee is planning a read-in on July 28<sup>th</sup> in the teen room. All of the computers will be turned off for the day, and there will be comfy pillows and snacks. This summer, there will also be a break dancing program taught by Levi Banner of Portland Parks and Recreation.

**Beaverton PL (Ian)** Beaverton hosted a YA author panel with writers April Henry, Laini Taylor, Christine Fletcher and others. They spoke about the writing process, getting published and their writing careers. Powell's provided books to sell at a 20% discount which the authors signed. Sixty people attended!

**Tigard PL (Lisa)** Tigard is having a tie-dye program. Also, if you know of any good watercolor artists who could put on a program, please let Lisa know at [lisae@tigard-or.gov](mailto:lisae@tigard-or.gov). Tigard received an LSTA grant to get gaming equipment, so they'll be scheduling programs around that (perhaps a retro gaming party – look at Virtual Atari website <http://www.virtualatari.org/>). Jennifer asked if anyone had any experience with the Battle for Wesnoth game or a similar one that could be downloaded onto library computers (multiple laptops) for a gaming event. The general feeling was that it's better to use an online game than to try to download something onto a library network.

**Hillsboro PL (Sue)**

Sue is looking for fun beach movies for a beach-themed party this summer. Suggestions included *Beach Blanket Bingo*, *Gidget*, *Endless Summer*, *Back to the Beach*, and *Jaws*. Beach towels and umbrellas were mentioned as good props. Suggested prizes: passes to pools and water parks. Other upcoming programs: Ides of March toga party including an acting class techniques by Bag and Baggage and a showing of *Julius Caesar*; henna workshop on how to make henna and create the designs (May 22<sup>nd</sup>); Twilight Eclipse party (June 29<sup>th</sup>); Star Trek 2009 showing (August 6<sup>th</sup>); How to Start a Band with Courtney Sheedy – includes how to form and manage a rock band (September 25<sup>th</sup>).

**Corvallis PL (Kristin, Heidi)** Corvallis held a three hour knitting workshop and the maximum number of attendants showed up.

**Newberg PL (K'Lyn)** Newberg will be having a Towel Day program in honor of the Hitchhiker's Guide to the Universe Galaxy.

**Multnomah County Library (Ruth)** Ruth has been having a successful YRCA bookgroup this year. Fifteen sixth graders meet once a month at lunchtime at their school to discuss a YRCA book. Recently, there was a fabulous discussion about *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*. Other popular titles have been *The Mysterious Benedict Society* and *The Candy Shop War*.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**L-NET Training (k thx)** Susan is going to teach the class (including pieces from Teens 101) but would like some help. Sara Ryan will be updating the research piece (Pew information about teens online) and Caleb Tucker-Raymond will provide examples from transcripts, data, and a PowerPoint. Ian might be interested in helping. Susan will put out a call for videos from teens who might be willing to film themselves doing research. Someone suggested asking members of OASL if they could help with this piece.

**OYAN Happy Hour at PLA** OYAN and YALSA will be co-sponsoring a happy hour during PLA. It will take place at Berbati's Pan on Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30. We'll try to figure out a place to meet at the Convention Center before heading downtown on MAX. YALSA will do an email blast to it's members, plus provide free swag at the happy hour.

## **ACTION:**

- Lisa will write a press release and create a flyer to send to OLA
- Sue will contact the Oregon Hazelnut Marketing Board to see about getting free samples of hazelnuts to attach to flyers given out at PLA
- Kristin will post an announcement on OYAN's Facebook page. Kristin will also add Lisa and Kris as administrators for the page.
- Kris will let Sara Ryan know how much YALSA swag we want.

## **OASL Conference Ideas**

The OASL conference is happening on October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> in Bend. Susan emailed the coordinator about presenting the OYAN Book Rave booktalks. Ruth said that if she could get permission, she would be willing to present. Other suggestions for programs included a booktalking workshop, a program about school/public library collaboration, and a panel of YA librarians discussing great programs for teens with handouts including program name and contact information. The new ORCA award was mentioned as a possible program topic.

As an aside, Rick is doing a presentation at the Oregon Home Educators Network conference in March. He will send out a survey on Memberclicks asking OYAN members what they're doing for/with homeschoolers. Rick will ask Jim Tindall if he's going to do a program on author visits at the OASL conference.

*Update since the meeting:* Rick dropped the MemberClicks survey idea when the School Librarian Coordinator from the State Library agreed to present with him on some statewide offerings.

## **Electronic Newsletter Options (Lisa)**

There are advantages and disadvantages to several of the options Lisa looked into.

### **PDF**

*Disadvantages:* hyperlinks don't work; archives would have to be links to a PDF on a webpage; newsletter editor would have to have Publisher; Memberclicks is frustrating to use.

*Advantages:* it looks good; is easy to print out

**BLOG:** Lisa heard from a lot of people who liked the blog idea.

*Disadvantages:* would have to follow a link; wouldn't be exclusive to OYAN membership.

*Advantages:* dynamic; could use widgets; could have polls; people can comment (blog should be moderated though); is more easily searchable and simpler to archive.

Lisa likes the idea of a blog. Wordpress is a possibility and it's free. Aweber is a product that

costs \$194.00 a year. It can turn blogs into newsletter format and send them out via RSS feeds. Lisa investigated Bookletters and says it is not a good option.

**ACTION:** A newsletter committee made up of Lisa, Mark, Ian and Kristin will meet and make a report at the spring meeting. For the spring newsletter, Lisa will create a blog entry and a newsletter in PDF format. People can take a look and decide which they like best.

## **RESOURCE SHARING**

### **Books We Read**

*Warrior Heir* & others in the series by Cinda Williams Chima (Susan?)

*Flash Burnout* by L.K. Madigan (Susan) Susan recommends all of the Morris Award nominees.

*Winter's End* by Jean-Claude Mourlevat (Ian) Good, post-apocalyptic read.

*Witch and Wizard* by James Patterson (Aimee) Not a great book.

*Tentacles* by Roland Smith

*I am a Genius of Unspeakable Evil and I Want to be Your Class President* by Josh Lieb (Heidi)

Parts of this were funny, but Heidi expected more.

*After* by Amy Efav (Heidi)

*Hamlet: A Novel* by John Marsden (Lisa) Very romantic and angst

*Vast Fields of Ordinary* by Nick Burd Lisa liked it and Lee said it was quite literary.

*Stones into Schools* by Greg Mortenson (Gregory) He liked *Three Cups of Tea* much better.

*Liar* by Justine Larbalestier (Heidi)

*The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* by C. Alan Bradley (Aimee)

*Asta in the Wings* by Jan Watson (Lisa) Gorgeously done.

*The Ghost Map* by Steven Johnson (Susan) Susan's teen book group is reading it this month.

### **Graphic Novels & Graphic Non-fiction We Read**

*Cat Burglar Black* by Richard Sala

*Calamity Jack* by Shannon Hale

*The Photographer* by Emmanuel Guibert

*I Kill Giants* by Joe Kelly

*Mouse Templar* by Michael Avon Oeming

*Pinocchio, Vampire Slayer* by Van Jensen

## **CONTINUING BUSINESS**

### **OLA Board Report (K'Lyn)**

- OLA membership went up right around the PLA registration deadline. There were 92 new OLA members in December. Memberclicks is going up by 6%, but the transaction fee won't increase.
- The Oregon Authors link will be embedded on all of the OLA webpages.
- The Vision 2020 committee is having trouble with the wiki (it's a virus, pop-up problem). The committee may not be done by PLA. Divisions and roundtables will be charged with creating goals around the vision.
- The OLA Board has voted to leave PNLA. The portions of chapters 2 & 3 of the OLA by-laws which reference OLA's participation in PNLA require a membership vote to change. The vote will take place right before the OLA banquet at PLA which is happening at Kell's Restaurant on Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. Since notifying PNLA of the OLA Board's vote to remove itself from the organization, PNLA has removed OLA from participating in YRCA through the end of OLA's current tenure in July except for the allowance of votes for the 2010 YRCA already in progress prior to this decision. K'Lyn will let the board know that OYAN members feel that there should have been more transparency around the vote.
- One of the two Legislators of the Year will be at the OLA Banquet. There will probably be a reception in Ashland for the second one.

- The board is in the beginning discussions of an OLA paid administration. Mostly they're looking to remove some of the administrative assistant tasks from the President and incoming President's positions. OLA is a very large organization to remain all volunteers. The idea was suggested that perhaps Shirley Roberts' position could be renegotiated to absorb more.
- EBSCO/Gale: EBSCO has signed an exclusive contract for all Time Warner & Forbes publications so Gale will no longer have access to the new issues when the current contracts expire. Also Gale is planning an all-day meeting with academic libraries to discuss deficiencies in its product.
- Library Advocacy Day is June 29<sup>th</sup> in Washington D.C.
- William Stafford birth centennial is in 2014 – Jim Scheppke queried whether another Oregon Reads might join in for this. There was interest, and the last OR Reads chair expressed interest in chairing again.
- The ACRL national conference is very likely going to be in Portland in 2015, probably in March.

### **State Library Report (Katie)**

#### *Letters About Literature*

A record number of entries (66,000+) were sent in nationally this year. Oregon's entries increased as well. Oregon judging will happen the first week of March.

#### *Ready to Read Grant*

Because this is the second years in the biennium, the State Library should have the same amount of money for Ready to Read Grants. Please use your 2009-10 grant amount as an estimate for you planning and budgets. Even though Measures 66 and 67 passed, there is still a possibility that the legislature could reduce Ready to Read in the February special session.

#### *Oregon Summer Reading Sweepstakes*

The Oregon College Savings Plan would like to sponsor a statewide summer reading sweepstakes. After consulting with CSD and OYAN, it looks like the State Library is going to go ahead with this although all of the details, including the prizes, haven't been worked out. Each library will receive a box with a cover letter, contest materials such as poster, one hundred fliers, and entry coupons to distribute to SR finishers. Libraries can choose to use these if they wish. CSLP will review the contest and marketing materials.

#### *Best Practices:*

The State Library has identified three areas in which it would like to develop and provide education about best practices: Early Literacy, Summer Reading, and Outreach. Each of the next three years will focus on one area. The SL would like help defining what the best practices are and finding research about these topics. Katie would like support from CSD and OYAN especially with regard to reviewing materials and definitions. Katie would then do case studies on libraries already implementing these best practices and would share information with those libraries that would like to implement them. OYAN members agreed to help.

**Cooperative Summer Library Program (Heidi)** The CSLP workshop will be held in Tacoma from April 6-9<sup>th</sup>. Heidi showed the 2011 artwork for the theme "You Are Here". CSLP is soliciting suggestions for artists and slogans for the 2012 theme "Night". Please send your ideas to Heidi at [heidi.weisel@ci.corvallis.or.us](mailto:heidi.weisel@ci.corvallis.or.us) by March 12<sup>th</sup>. Please send ideas for the 2013 theme by February 18<sup>th</sup>.

**ALA Conference Report (Lee Catalano)** Please see the OYAN Winter Newsletter for Lee's report.

**OYAN Workshop Survey (Susan)** Susan will send this out shortly.

**Book Rave 2010 (Kris)** Online voting was brisk for the Book Rave and 15 of the 17 top vote-getters were chosen for the final list. Heidi moved to drop *The Miles Between* and *Along for the Ride*, and Aimee seconded the motion. This was done in order to add a few more titles and get a better mix of titles for the list. Kris will send out another survey in which people will have the opportunity to vote on five of the following ten titles for inclusion on the list: *Carter Finally Gets It* by Brent Crawford, *Ash* by Malinda Lo, *Swim the Fly* by Don Calame, *Love is the Higher Law* by David Levithan, *All the Broken Pieces* by Ann E. Burg, *Silver Phoenix* by Cindy Pon, *Pure* by Terra Elan McVoy, *Claudette Colvin: Twice Towards Justice* by Phillip Hoose, *Stitches* by David Small, and *Written in Bone* by Sally Walker. Voting will close on March 1, 2010.

For the Graphic Novel Book Rave, please email Kris with suggestions and by when you think it should be published. [kris.lutsock@ci.mcminnville.or.us](mailto:kris.lutsock@ci.mcminnville.or.us)

**Mock Printz 2010 update (Susan)** There were 39 attendees including 11 teens at the Mock Printz held at Multnomah County Library's Central Library on January 16<sup>th</sup>. *Marcelo in the Real World* by Francisco X. Stork was the winner.

**Raffle Prizes** Please send K'Lyn ideas for easy-to-mail raffle prizes. Her email address is [klyn.hann@newbergoregon.gov](mailto:klyn.hann@newbergoregon.gov).

**Upcoming OYAN Meetings**

April 23, 2010	11:00-3:00	Seaside Public Library
July 23, 2010	11:00-3:00	Deschutes PL, Bend

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Allen, Secretary