

LLC Youth Services
10/2/23 Meeting Minutes

Attending: Amber McLain (LL), Allison Boyer (OL), Barbara Root (IB), Chris Stegink (AL), Emma Seif (BH), Erin Supri (SCDL), Ingrid S Boyer (SDDL), Jessica Volkers (OZ) Justine Wieggers (AL), Keeva Filipek (KDL), Michele Wittkopp (UM- MADL), Paige Brandli (BH), Shanni Kerr (IC), Shelly Patterson (NG), and Zach Ludge (OC)

1. Greetings- Zach started the meeting.
2. May Minutes: Motion to approve: Jessica, and seconded by Paige.
3. Summer Reading Recap
 - a. General Summer Reading Information
 - i. Zach
 1. Theme: used: "All Together Now", but they made it a groovy theme.
 2. They had a ton of fun programs including a tie-dye event.
 3. Their program has patrons count the number of books for kids 0-5, and minutes for the other age groups.
 - ii. Paige
 1. Had the same theme/programs for all levels (kids and adults).
 2. The theme was "Read Beyond the Beaten Path".
 - iii. Allison
 1. They have the same theme every year with the same program for all ages: The Grand Adventure.
 2. Adult numbers were through the roof this year (1,009).
 3. Their participants earn points per minute read, and they have the opportunity to receive extra points for activities (i.e. walking in the park).
 - iv. Shelly
 1. Theme: Carnival of Kindness
 2. Their patrons track the number of minutes read per week.
 3. Has high sign up number because the students walk over from the school to sign up.
 - v. Erin
 1. They had different logs for different age groups, but their patrons got confused on what log was for which level.
 - b. Paper Logs vs Online Tracking
 - i. Allison still has paper logs, as well as Beanstack.
 - ii. Barbara has a lot of "free range" children who can't access the internet, so they only use paper logs. They also used numbers on the logs, and the patrons were confused on if the numbers meant the date, or the number day read. They will no longer be numbering their logs.
 - iii. Zach uses Beanstack.
 - iv. Justine and Chris use paper logs.
 - v. Michele has paper logs available, but in order to participate in drawings, the patron must input their information into Beanstack.

- c. Whitecaps
 - i. Zach struggled with Whitecaps and gift cards this year.
 - 1. Items were lost in delivery, coupons were miss counted (short 3,000 from Whitecaps), and a few other issues.
 - a. Once items were in delivery there is no way to track them.
 - b. If delivery must be used- it was suggested that the envelopes have "Attn: Youth Services". This will help get the items to the right staff members who know what to do with them.
 - 2. Suggestion: pick up only with a few drop off locations.
 - a. If your library cannot make the May meeting to pick up the gift cards and/or Whitecaps coupons, then you must arrange a way to get them yourself. This could be having another library pick them up for you.
 - i. Example: If Henika, Dorr, or Salem cannot attend the meeting, they can ask Leighton to pick their coupons up for them, and they could go to Leighton to get them.
 - b. Seems like everyone at the meeting liked the idea of having the items being physically picked up instead of being sent through delivery.
 - ii. We have noticed that some libraries are not even using the coupons that they were given.
 - 1. Physically picking up the coupons will insure that they are used by the library.
 - 2. *Justine's added comment post meeting*. When Zach asks how many coupons are needed next year, if a library does not respond within the time frame given, they should not get the tickets. This will prevent libraries who don't use tickets from receiving them unnecessarily, and will encourage libraries to respond responsibly to emails from LLC leadership volunteers.
- 4. 2024 Summer Reading Workshop Update
 - a. November 17 from 9:00am-3:30pm at Howard Miller Library (14 S Church St, Zeeland, MI 49464).
 - b. Amber added it to the Lakeland Calendar for registration
 - c. Mike is now at KDL, so he hopes to help a little; however, he planned on doing video compilation of performers instead of a performer showcase.
 - i. He no longer has the time to be able to create that video.
 - ii. It is difficult to get any performers to send in video clips to edit together.
 - iii. This means we are looking for performers to showcase at the workshop. Any ideas show be sent to Paige. Some ideas are:
 - 1. Brad Lancaster
 - 2. Cameron Zara
 - 3. Foam Party
 - d. We will be having the weeded book contest again this year.

5. Round Table

a. Outside Storytimes

- i. Coopersville held inside-out storytimes this summer in response to the 1,000 hours outside session at Spring Institute
- ii. Barbara had destination storytimes where the participants met at a different location like a park or a hiking trail, and they are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch with them.
- iii. Allison had performers at local parks
- iv. Shelly is having a storytime at a local orchard this fall

b. Allison had a Mario Kart Tournament for grades 3-6

- i. She was slightly worried that this age group would have hurt feelings if they did not win; however, she said that there was great sportsmanship for most of the players.
- ii. Limited the tournament to 16 with 2 systems running at once.
 1. 8 players can participate at a time. The others were fine watching the racers play.
 2. Top 2 winners of each group move on to the next round.
- iii. Remember to turn off the computer racers

c. Chess Club?

- i. It was asked if libraries had a chess club for teens. Most libraries who have a chess club have it for adults or mostly adult participants.
- ii. It was recommended to ask local schools if they have one. This way they could either partner with the school or ask if any of the school participants would be interested in an additional chess club opportunity.

d. 3D Printer

- i. Zach had purchased a 3d print that he received broken. He could not send it back without paying for shipping (not worth the cost). He had a local company J10 Prints in Allendale repair the machine, and they did an amazing job! He would highly recommend.

e. Negative performer

- i. Shelly had a very bad experience 2 weeks in a row with Mama Misfit & Entertainment Coordinator.
 1. She had scheduled to have 2 performers through Mama Misfit: The Motley Misfits (circus performers), and Nat Spinz (Hula Hoop performer). Long story short- she will NEVER use Mama Misfit ever again for programming.

f. Continuing Ed

- i. Ingrid is looking for ideas for workshops/meeting topics. They want to have different topics then then doing the same topic over and over. If you have any ideas please let her know: iboyer@sdlibrary.org

6. Next meetings:

- a. March 4 at 1:00pm at Coopersville Library (333 Ottawa St, Coopersville, MI)
- b. May 6 at 1:00pm at KDL Service Center (814 W River Center Dr NE, Comstock Park, MI)