

TLN Youth Services Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, May 12, 2017 @Canton Public Library

9:35 am call to order

Approval of March minutes:

1. Lindsay Fricke (Novi)
2. Lauren Baker(Plymouth)

Approval of agenda:

1. Jessica Wilhoite (Romulus)
2. Elizabeth Norton (Commerce)

State and Local Updates:

None.

TLN Updates:

None.

2018 Officer Nominations and Meeting Locations:

Nominations:

- Lauren Baker (Plymouth) was nominated for Chair-Elect.
- Jessica Wilhoite (Romulus) was nominated for Secretary.

Meeting Locations for 2018:

- January – Commerce (set)
- March – Brighton (?)
- May – Auburn Hills (?)
- August – Baldwin (?)
- October Showcase – Novi (set)

Quick SRP:

- Baldwin – game cards; three age levels; squares of activities other than reading; lots of programs
- Waterford – one performer per week; two hours in am/pm for drop-in programs (different themes each time); brand new format this year
- Chelsea – different logs for each age group; different activities for the different age groups each week, including some rainy day activities
- Commerce – new prizes for treasure chest; interesting new programs
- Taylor – scaled back on prizes to save money and get better prizes; outside game day, including a snow cone vendor
- Garden City – having community departments participate this year
- Rochester Hills – not following the theme – Rochester is 200 years old this year – using a bi-centennial theme
- Wixom – reading and activities; can win a ticket for Pump It Up – supporting local business ;simplified registration sheet
- Brighton – treasure chest for prizes for the first time; BINGO board for all ages
- Plymouth – no more books as prizes; new LEGO kits for prizes

- Ferndale – game board and map of world that has different activities; reading without walls – initiative to read something you wouldn't normally read; pool party for final prize; collaborating with Oak Park for Drummunity program.
- Auburn Hills – revamped treasure chest – new prizes per parent requests; Joel Tacey – two programs; programming tied with adults; kickoff Legoland coming
- Novi – starting earlier (May) – more time to complete the program; using 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten for early literacy program; potential for lock-in party; first year doing a carnival to celebrate the end of school; Paradise Park
- Canton – Vibe Credit Union sponsored all outdoor programs – contact local credit union!

Guest Speaker – Madeline Wagner – Grant Writing:

See attached presentation; contact info: madelinemwagner@gmail.com

- Paint the picture of how the money will be used.
- Government grants have a lot of requirements.
- Foundation grants vary in regards to requirements.
- Corporate grants can go along with foundation grants – usually has foundation support.
- Look at the 990 of the place you are asking for a grant – do they fund similar places?
- Have you ever applied before – be honest.
- Do your background research.
- Use www.guidestar.org to search for 990s (free login).
- Make sure you are eligible for the grant for which you are applying.
- Is there a 501(C)(3) foundation associated with your library? This is most likely your Friends group.
- Federal applications – no food funding.
- Read the fine print!
- Note all dates on application, including award date.
- Attention to detail is extremely important.
- Don't overshoot your matched funds.
- Make your case – why will this be successful?
- There will be some overlap in the application – you will be repeating things over and over.
- Budgets can range in detail.
- Always have someone look over grant before submitting.
- If there is any award ceremony, send someone who is familiar with the project.
- Revise the budget if the grant award is less than the amount asked.
- Send out a press release; use social media
- Reporting on the grant can vary depending on grant type.

AWE – What's New?

See attached handout

- ELF by AWE (6-14); has Oregon Trail
- Allows you to tailor to older kids
- Version 13 is coming out and is brand new
- Webcam – version 12 – can be disabled
- Very customizable/sortable
- No way to get out of AWE by clicking on other things
- Bi-lingual edition (English/Spanish)
- Any issues – contact support M-F: 8-5pm
- Literacy Go is only available in tablet form
- Current discounts available
- 2012-2014 editions - offering trade-in credit for parts

Meeting adjourned at: 11:50 am

1st: Sara Fifield (Wixom)

2nd: Erin Look (Garden City)

Next meeting: Friday, August 11 at Romulus Public Library

In attendance:

Ashley Lehman – FERN
Janna VanHouten – TLN
Lauren Baker – PLYM
Stephanie Lyon - BRIT
Sara Fifield – WIXM
Nichole Welz – CANTON
Elizabeth Norton – COMM
Lindsay Fricke – NOVI
Sue Walton – RHPL
Jessica Wilhoite – ROMS
Julie Sebest – TAYL
Erin Look – GARC
Jessica Zubik – CHEL
Cynthia Walker – WATE
Erin Chapman – MELV
Cathy Gimby – BALD
Lisa Murawa – SPRI
Susan Guay - AUBN