

TLN Youth Services Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, August 11, 2017 @Romulus Public Library

9:33 am call to order

Approval of May minutes:

1. Erin Look (Garden City)
2. Sue Walton (Rochester)

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2. Jody Wolak (Chelsea)

State and Local Updates:

Spring Institute is in March 2018 in Grand Rapids.

TLN Updates:

None.

Election Update and 2018 Meeting Locations:

Nominations:

- Lauren Baker (Plymouth) was nominated for Chair-Elect – WINNER ☺
- Jessica Wilhoite (Romulus) was nominated for Secretary – WINNER ☺

Set Meeting Locations for 2018:

- January – Commerce
- March – Birmingham
- May – Auburn Hills
- August – Brighton
- October (Performers Showcase) – Novi

Summer Reading Flops:

- Rochester Hills – wanted people to submit artwork to create a coloring book about the history of Rochester Hills that the Friends could sell – only a few people submitted art work.
- Clarkston – teen performer that was politically bias; had a small attendance for The Storytellers
- Plymouth – had a small turnout at the swimming program
- Ferndale – two games/logs to track for summer reading (one for reading and one for library tasks) and people forgot to do the library tasks; they are figuring out how to market it better for next year. Crowd control issue with Exotic Zoo – too large a crowd
- Canton – 'Zine program for 11 and up – only two people showed up; Cameron Zvara – there were so many people that the crowd became visibly angry and forceful
- Wixom – provided Moonlight Story Times at someone's request and had little to no turnout
- Oak Park - Drummunity performer kept mentioning how the group wasn't in a circle, even though she knew that from the get-go
- Livonia – presenter from the Howell Nature Center was not great
- Chelsea – Ballet Story Time – performer was a no-show; going to do a make-up program
- Allen Park – Bollyfit was a no-show and they couldn't get a hold of them

- Redford – program runs through August 31 – too long

Guest Speaker – Kathleen Alessandro – Director, Great Start Collaborative:

<http://www.greatstartwayne.org/>

- <https://www.greatstarttoquality.org/> - state-funded website; connecting families to quality childcare
- GSRP (Great Start Readiness Program) – the State of Michigan’s 4-year-old preschool for lower income families
- Great Start Collaborative Wayne – build a childhood system and bring people together
- Great Start wants it known that 3rd grade reading proficiency is an eight year process
- Libraries can enter their own event information on website under “Find Fun”. The website has an extensive calendar listing and resources for fun events in Wayne County
- Great Start is currently working to make their website ADA complaint
- Lots of resources for parents, providers, and community members
- Funding for Great Start is allocated from the state to each county (some of the money does come from federal funding); they apply for grants
- Send comments/questions/sign-up for newsletters at www.feedbackgreatstartwayne.org
- GREAT START WANTS LITERACY EVERYWHERE! 😊
- Brought awesome handouts with her – a folder of information and child/parent activity cards

Community Connections Discussion

- Ferndale – conduct story times in the Athletic Center; collaborates with Parks and Rec
- Redford – Book Buddies – senior citizens meet with kids who are struggling readers at the library to work on reading skills
- Waterford – set up a table at chamber events and has bookmarks for people to make
- Plymouth – set up a table at farmer’s market for Free Comic Book Day and library card sign-up; work with United Way day camps to check out books and do activities
- Oak Park – “Before 3 to Succeed” program in collaboration with the local Community Network group; pop-up park within the community
- Clarkston – gardening-related programming
- Chelsea – “Seriously” program with a drug prevention group who created a Minecraft server; “CPL Top 5” (similar to Family Feud) at a local pizzeria
- Rochester Hills – book bike to farmer’s market and local festivals; outreach to Freshtyme – conduct story times; story walk with the city
- Wixom – table for Family Fun Night; annually do elf certificates at “Holiday Markd”
- Livonia – table at local events; worked with Parks and Rec for a pool party/games
- Canton – go out and do story times to the local camps; have a presence at various local events

Meeting adjourned at: 11:54 am

Next meeting: Friday, October 13 at Rochester Hills Public Library

In attendance:

Ashley Lehman – FERN
 Janna VanHouten – TLN
 Lauren Baker – PLYM
 Sara Fifield – WIXM
 Nichole Welz – CANT
 Elizabeth Norton – COMM

Lindsay Fricke – NOVI
Sue Walton – RHPL
Jessica Wilhoite – ROMS
Erin Look – GARC
Jody Wolak – CHEL
Cynthia Walker – WATE
Erin Chapman – MELV
Lisa Murawa – SPRI
Tracy Bedford – IDPN (Clarkston)
Karen Smith – LIVN
Karen Clinton – REDF
Charli Osborne – OAPK
Caryn Bartone - WTLD