

Attendance: Lisa Prentiss (Staatsburg), JoAnn DiSalvo (Beekman), Ellen Clancy (Patterson), Veronica Stork (Tivoli), Christine Houlihan (Tivoli), Christine Pacuk (Saugerties), Linda Deubert (Coxsackie), Kerstin Cruger (MHLS), Janet Battistoni (Hyde Park), Julianna Arms (Stone Ridge), Amy Thiel (Kinderhook), Terry Sennett (Clinton), Maureen McGrath (Cold Spring), Chris Pattantyus (Wappingers).

Administrator's Report: Janet asked everyone to send Ginny any updated media contact information for publicity releases this summer (newspapers, TV, radio, etc.). She thanked Christine for hosting the meeting at Tivoli.

Treasurer's Report: Kelly was unable to attend. Chris reminded everyone that they should be asking their Friends' groups to make a donation to Battle of the Books.

COMMITTEES

Venue: The current status: Wappingers is not interested. They feel they do not have enough rooms close together. Ginny is waiting to do a "walk through" at Beacon High School with the administrator. Arlington is a yes. Amy contacted Frank who, in turn, contacted Hudson High School. His impression was that they were not interested.

Incentives: Chris reported that most everyone liked the eco journals with pen. She will order those in multiple colors. Kerstin informed those present that we multiple leftover incentives from previous years (water bottles, etc.) We will try and sell them at the regional battle. We will put them on display with a donation jar.

Grants: no responses as of this date.

Website: Amy has all current information on the website.

Volunteer: 26-30 volunteers are needed for the regional battle in September. Kerstin will send Lisa Sarah's information and overview from last year. All libraries should send the names of those interested in volunteering to Lisa along with their contact information. The sooner the better but definitely by June!

T-shirt: JoAnn will again co-ordinate the group purchase of t-shirts.

OLD BUSINESS

Ginny emailed her job description as publicity chairperson, and grant chairperson since she was unable to attend. She attached samples of the publicity letters she sent to the media. JoAnn was asked to write up what she does as T-shirt Committee.

The duties of the Volunteer Committee will include archiving committee volunteers because members are expected to head a committee at least every two years.

501C3 status – Kelly was unable to attend the meeting – no report.

By-laws for Battle of the Books: Maureen reported that she is waiting for additional information from Kelly.

Question writing: Linda felt that if each library submits 18 questions per book that we will have a sufficient number to work with. We are looking for quality over quantity. Those who are editing the questions for the 8 titles are exempt from writing the questions unless they wish to do so anyway. But they will be expected to separate the submitted questions into local practice questions and those for the regional battle.

Amy will finalize the question editing format and each title will have its own separate spreadsheet. (In other words, you will not be selecting the title each time from a drop-down menu). It will also be the duty of the individual book editors to check and ensure that all libraries submit their questions.

NEW BUSINESS

Janet felt that the participating libraries should be able to vote on decisions via email if they are unable to attend the meetings. Everyone agreed with this.

Christine Houlihan reported that she sent sample questions (5 good and 5 “bad”) to Amy who posted them on the website to help those new to the process of question writing.

Pronunciation of author’s names was discussed. Chris will check on Rutkoski. Author’s full name is required (Kathryn Miller Haines, Caroline B. Cooney).

Buzzer system can be reserved by contacting Tom Finnigan at MHLS.

Janet will contact Millerton Library since they have not attended any meetings and no one has heard anything from them.

Battle Rules: The changes were primarily in wording. The word “battle” in many instances was changed to “round”. The wording was changed to clarify what happens when the question needs to be repeated for the second team and how soon the team needs to respond. Amy will post these changes on the BOB website.

<http://mhbattleofbooks.org> Please read these over carefully. Vote approval (or disapproval) by March 31, 2013 to chrisp4221@gmail.com

Action items: Read the books! Write the questions! Submit to the editors! May 1st is in 6 weeks!!!!

Approve/Disapprove Battle Rules by March 31st.

Send media contact information to Ginny.

Next meeting: Friday, June 7, 2013 from 10 AM-Noon at MHLS.++