**Battle of the Books Meeting 2 December 2, 2014**

**Location: Kingston Library**

**ATTENDENCE:** Kristin Charles-Scaringi, Kingston; Maureen McGrath, Cold Spring; Jesse O’Dunne, Catskill; Ashling Kelly, Roe Jan; Christine Pacuk, Saugerties; Nicole Curcio, Pawling; Mary Wickham, LaGrange; Cecilia Hayford, Wappingers; Janet Battistoni**,** Hyde Park; Beth Puskas, Kinderhook; Emily Chameides, Hudson; Kate McClune, Northeast Millerton; Veronica Stork, Tivoli; JoAnn DiSalvo, Beekman; Ellen Clancy, Patterson; and Kerstin Cruger of MHLS.

Those in attendance introduced themselves at the start of the meeting.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Kerstin shared the report from Clinton with the group. There is currently $3,911.70 in the account. Everyone has been reimbursed for the Regional Battle expenses.

**Statement of Commitment:** The Statement of Commitment will be due by December 12th. It will be done through a Doodle poll that Kerstin will send out via email.

**Group Book Buy:** Janet Battistoni will handle the group buy for 2015. She has contacted Suzanne at Oblong Books and they will once again be willing to do a discount rate on the books. Suzanne needs the titles and amounts to figure the discount. The members will use the Google form again and it will be sent to Janet to pass on to Oblong Books. Participating Libraries are NOT obligated to partake in the group buy. Kerstin suggested Janet ask for threshold numbers. (100, 200, etc.)

**Question Editors & Sub-Committee Members:** It was decided that these positions will be filled after the December 12th commitment date. Prior to this date, descriptions and responsibilities for each position will be posted to the website. After members review the requirements, they can sign up for a position via a Google document.

**2015 Meeting Dates and Locations:** Meetings need to be held during the following months: February, May, August, October and December.

It was decided by the group that the specific dates will be set month by month.

The October meeting will be held at the MHLS auditorium. The December meeting will be held in Kingston. A Doodle poll will be sent out for the February meeting date and location. Participating Libraries can volunteer to host a meeting. Hyde Park is tentative for February since Janet will have the book copies. Nicole suggested a 12 noon meeting time rather than 1 pm.

**Task Force:** A task force will be formed to discuss how the Battle of the Books program should move forward. A handful of people have volunteered to be a part of the task force. Kerstin has the names and will be reaching out to them. The idea is to have 3 to 4 meetings throughout 2015 and then dissolve.

**Finalize 2015 Titles:** The rest of the meeting time was used to discuss the suggested books and narrow down the list to 8 titles and two alternates in the event one of the 8 is unavailable or too expensive.

The 2015 Titles are as follows:

*Catch Rider* by Jennifer Lyne Contemporary/Sports

*Cinder* by Marissa Meyer Sci-Fi

*Code of Silence* by Tim Shoemaker Adventure

*Okay for Now* by Gary D. Schmidt Historical Fiction (1970s, Vietnam)

*Picture the Dead* by Adele Griffin Supernatural/Historical

*Splendor & Glooms* by Laura Amy Schlitz Fantasy/Mystery

*Unwind* by Neal Schusterman Dystopian

*\*\* The Young Samurai (Way of the Warrior)*

by Chris Bradford Adventure/Ancient Japan

Alternates: *Flush* by Carl Hiassen Environmental mystery

*The False Prince* by Jennifer A. Neilson Medieval Adventure

All members should be reading books throughout the year to have an on-going selection of titles. The book suggestion submittal form will be available all year on the website.

The 2015 titles will be posted to the website and listserv as soon as pricing becomes available.

**New Business:** The Stewart Shop Grant deadline is coming up on January 30, 2015. You can apply as your Library and then your Library will donate the money to the BOB group. Dollar General also offers a teen program grant to YALSA members. The deadline is January 1st.

\*\* Please note: This title appears this way in the catalog.