

OYAN Meeting Minutes

July 28, 2023

Attendance:

- Caitlin McMahan, Eugene Public Library
- Greta Bergquist, State Library of Oregon
- Mark Richardson, Cedar Mill Public Library
- Ian Duncanson, Beaverton City Library
- Katie Fischer, Crook County Public Library
- Lisa Power, Banks Public Library
- Brianna Sowinski, North Plains Public Library
- Meagan Loony, Deschutes Public Library
- Star Todd, Jefferson County Library
- Sonja Somerville, Salem Public Library
- Brystan Strong, Jackson County Library
- Lisa Elliott, Tigard Public Library
- Rachel Timmons, Hood River Public Library
- Kristen Buehner, Mt. Angel Public Library
- Vickie Kromer, Driftwood Public Library

Graphic Rave (Mark):

The ballot is out, please vote on your selections for Graphic Rave. The final tally should be around the end of August. Voting is only for OYAN members so don't forget to vote!

Call for OYAN officers and volunteer opportunities (Caitlin):

Current officers are:

Chair – Caitlin (Mark and Ian are incoming co-chairs)

Vice Chair – Mark and Ian (we need an incoming vice chair or two)

Outgoing Chair – Denise (Caitlin will be the next outgoing chair)

Publications Manager – Katie (we could use an additional person or even some volunteer help)

Website Manager – Sonia (we could use an additional person or even some volunteer help)

SR Representative – Lisa (could use some volunteer help)

ORCA Representative – Records show that it is Nick, but the website lists a few other people – Anyone want to run for this position?

Secretary – Vickie (willing to take on another year as secretary, but also willing to hand it over to someone else)

Position descriptions and opportunities for volunteers:

SR Representative – The position is still a little vague since the swap from the CLSP summer reading program to the iReads program as there are no national meetings required with the new iReads. This position works with Greta on the monthly summer reading zoom chats as well as creating and presenting sessions on summer reading at OLA.

- Possible volunteer opportunities include assisting in planning and presenting sessions at conferences and assisting in creating a teen program resource.

Website Manager – This person manages our clunky website. Sonia said that current website is complex and awkward to update on Memberclicks. The option is there to research and find a new platform to build an easier to manage website

- Possible volunteer opportunities include helping with researching and building a new website.

Publication Manager – This position oversees our Wordpress blog and social media. Currently it is a flexible position and can be expanded to multiple people who can each focus on a specific platform. There are thoughts about creating an Instagram or other additional social media accounts.

- Possible volunteer opportunities (or co-board member opportunities) include helping with posting to the blog, maintaining a specific social media platform, and updating our GoodReads.

Secretary – This is one of the lightest (in my opinion as secretary) board positions. Responsibilities are to attend meetings and take notes. Type up said notes and then send them out to OYAN members via the listserv. This is a great position if you're looking to get slightly more involved without having to add too much to your plate.

Past Chair – This position provides support to the current chair as needed and prepares the budget and budget reports. This position also heads the OYAN Raffle during the OLA conference

- Possible volunteer opportunities include helping out with the raffle.

Vice Chair/Co-chairs – This position supports the current chair and subs in for the current chair if needed in OYAN or OLA meetings and attends the OLA conference. This position also leads the OYEA! Award committee

- Possible volunteer opportunities include assisting with OYEA each year. This position is also going to be open so think about running for this office!

Chair/Co-Chairs – This position is responsible for preparing the agendas for our quarterly meetings and notifying OYAN and OLA members of the meetings; assisting with planning OYAN programs at OLA and OASL conferences; handles scholarship applications; attends Executive Board meetings for OLA; prepare an annual report for OLA; and generally being in charge. This position takes up a lot of time and space but is also open to being shared between two co-chairs to lighten the load.

- Possible volunteer opportunities include assisting with emails, assisting with conference program planning, and assisting with meetings.

Additional opportunities for volunteering:

- Mock Printz – Sonia currently runs the Mock Printz but could use some help.
- Book Rave and Graphic Rave – both are currently run by our incoming co-chairs so they could use some help or someone to hand them over to.

The book lists are not tied to any one particular position so they can be run by any willing OYAN member who is interested.

Roundtable/Regional Meetings:

We are considering having community roundtable discussions in between our quarterly meetings to help prospective members get to know us and what OYAN is about. These meetings wouldn't have to be led by an officer – they would function as a social meeting where we can discuss ideas, challenges, successes, etc.

Regional in person meetings are also an option to help us connect with the other teen/youth services librarians in our area.

Fun Stuff! (Program successes)

Katie had success with an improv program.

Lisa did a teen makerspace series with fairy houses and a t-shirt project. She also had a really successful Dungeons and Dragons camp for beginners (Wizards of the Coast will send you a free starter kit - <https://dnd.wizards.com/resources/educators>)

Lisa Elliott did a “Luddites Unite” program where all of the teens smart devices were locked in a breakout box and they had to figure out old technology to solve the box.

Brystan's summer reading theme has been “Level Up” with lots of successful video game based programs and a fantastic take and make kit for sea salt ice cream (patrons had to supply the perishable items, but everything else was in the kit)

Ian had a messy but successful program of hydro dipping coffee mugs and noted that it requires a LOT of nail polish

Upcoming meetings:

OYAN Officer meeting – Sept. 1st in Beaverton at 10:30 a.m.

OYAN Member meeting – Nov. 3rd in Eugene, time TBD