

Attendance: Kerstin Cruger (MHLS), Janet Battistoni (Hyde Park), Chris Pattantus (Grinnell), JoAnn DiSalvo (Beekman), Lisa Prentiss (Staatsburg), Ginny Figlia (Howland), Jolie Hamer-Conroy (PPLD), Alison Francis (Marlboro), Ellen Clancy (Patterson), Kristin Charles-Scaringi (Kingston), Kelly Tomaseski (Esopus), Emily Chameides (Hudson), Christine Houlihan (Tivoli), Maureen McGrath (Butterfield), Amy Thiel (Kinderhook), Linda Deubert (Heermance), Juliana Muth (Stone Ridge), John Santana (Millerton).

Welcome to John Santana from Millerton and Christine Pacuk from Saugerties.

Administrator's Report:

Janet began by thanking everyone for running a successful, smooth-running event. She received many favorable comments from parents and volunteers. She recognized:

JoAnn DiSalvo for securing Arlington High School as our venue, coordinating the group t-shirt purchase, coordinating the bake sale the day of the event, and securing volunteers to assist in finding the different rooms at the high school.

Sarah Bellora for researching and ordering the prizes, setting up a computerized spreadsheet for the volunteers, and along with Denise Biery, training volunteers.

Jim Cosgrove for creating the bracket system and keeping it current the day of the battle.

Linda Deubert for editing the Regional battle questions and assembling them for the Regional battle.

Ginny Figlia for publicity and securing grants and donations.

Kelly Tomaseski for maintaining our treasury account, securing grants and donations, and putting together snack packs for the volunteers on the day of the battle.

Amy Thiel for coordinating the group purchase of books from Blackwood and Brouwer, managing the website (<http://mhbattleofbooks.org>), creating and managing the spreadsheet for submitting the questions.

Gina LoPrinzo for putting together and printing the programs (at the last minute!) for the Regional battle.

Last, but not least, Kerstin Cruger for her encouragement and assistance in guiding us through our first battle on our own!

If we missed anyone, we sincerely apologize!

Treasurer's Report: Kelly distributed a financial report to those present. We have a balance of \$2,228.34. This is a good cushion since we now have to rent a facility for the battle. It was decided at this time not to reimburse for books purchase for the 2012 battle.

Organization Set-up for 2013: Every participating library representative will be expected to take an active role on a committee. A list of committees will be sent out with a description of duties. As you can see from the list of "thank yous" some people managed multiple committees and some members did nothing. This is not acceptable. Be prepared to sign up for a committee at the November meeting.

2012 Battle Problem: Lisa and Ginny both reported that an emcee in one of the rooms interpreted a rule incorrectly, which upset the teams. This will be dealt with in committee. Rules must be made very clear so there is no room for different interpretations. Rules will be set by the May meeting with no further changes or discussions.

Book titles were reviewed and edited. They have been sent via email to everyone. If you did not receive it, please notify us (Chris or Janet) or check the website. Read some titles and voice your opinion.

Venue: JoAnn met with the rep from AHS, who apologized for the lack of a microphone in the gym. That should not have happened. He also showed her the senior lounge, the downstairs library, and other air-conditioned rooms. The stairs did present a problem for some attendees so this should be kept in mind for future battles. I also had a parent speak to me who has a hearing impaired child that may want to participate.

Next meeting is Wednesday, Nov. 28th at 1 PM. (tentative until confirmed by Kerstin).

ACTION ITEMS

Christine Houlihan will send a thank you to Stewarts for the grant.

Be prepared to sign up for a committee. It might be a good idea to have more than one in mind, in case your first choice is not available.

READ proposed books (no new ones).