

Attendance: Kerstin Cruger (MHLS), JoAnn DiSalvo (Beekman), Lisa Prentiss (Staatsburg), Jolie Hamer-Conroy (PPLD), Christine Pacuk (Saugerties), Ellen Clancy (Patterson), John Santana (Millerton), Evelina Simoes (Pawling), Christine Houlihan (Tivoli), Julianna Arms (Stone Ridge), Ginny Figlia (Howland), Kelly Tomaseski (Esopus), Amy Thiel (Kinderhook), Maureen McGrath (Butterfield), Julie Poplees (Pleasant Valley), Kristin Charles-Scaringi (Kingston), Janet Battistoni (Hyde Park), Chris Pattantyus (Grinnell).

Administrator's Report: Janet informed the members that our domain name was about to expire and we need to give Amy the authority to renew the name and have Kelly send her a reimbursement check. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: no change

2013 Titles:

The Angel Experiment (Maximun Ride) – James Patterson,

The Brooklyn Nine – Alan Gratz,

Burning Up -- Caroline Cooney,

Cabinet of Wonders – Marie Rutkoski,

The Emerald Atlas – John Stephens,

The Girl Is Murder – Kathryn Haines,

The Graveyard Book – Neil Gaiman,

Half Brother – Kenneth Opiel

2013 Committees

As you know, the members decided last year that every participating library must participate on a committee at least once every other year so that a handful of members are not doing all the work. The following are the committees and those who are the chairing them. Please be prepared to assist them at the next meeting if your name does not yet appear on the list!

Venue – right now, everyone should be looking at their community for an appropriate site. Requirements: ample parking, large holding area (cafeteria) for all participants and their families (300+), 3 additional rooms where battles can be held, ability to set up on Friday night, permission to place BOB road signs and banner on property, access at 8 AM on battle day, large auditorium with sound system to accommodate 300+, price cap. The regional battle will be held on September 7, 2013.

T-shirt – group purchase – JoAnn

Incentives – Chris

Group purchase of books – Amy

Grants – Ginny and Kelly; Janet will apply for Stewart's grant.

Publicity – Ginny and John

Coordinator of Volunteers – Lisa

Program for battle day – Gina

Question editing: individual books

Angel Experiment – Christine Houlihan

Brooklyn Nine – Christine Pacuk

Burning Up – Jolie

Cabinet of Wonders – Ellen

Emerald Atlas – Juliana

The Girl Is Murder – Maureen McGrath

Graveyard Book – Kristin

Half Brother – Emily Bennison Chameides

Question editing for regional battle - Linda Deubert

Bracket System – Jim Cosgrove

Website – Amy

New Business: discussed the possibility of a new logo. We do not want to spend a lot of money on this but if someone has a friend that does this kind of thing and would like to present design(s), we could consider this.

Action items: If you wish to purchase the titles through the group buy, you will need to let Amy know by Friday, December 21st what titles and how many copies of each. The order will be placed over the holidays and hopefully we will have them for our January meeting.

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 23 at 1 PM at **Saugerties Library!!**