

Attendance: Jim Cosgrove – Marlboro, Jennifer Simmons – LaGrange, Linda Deubert – Cocksackie, Kristin McClune – Millerton, Lisa Prentiss – Staatsburg, Maureen McGrath – Cold Spring, Lisa Mollica – Red Hook, Gina Loprinzo – Kent, Terry Sennett – Clinton, Chris Pattantyus – Wappingers, Kerstin Cruger – MHLS.

(Thanks, everyone, for coming in such horrible weather!)

Jim presented and explained how the bracket system would work and then Chris drew the cards and Jim entered them onto the chart. Kerstin will make copies and send them out via email and a hard copy.

Volunteers: Lisa Prentiss is set for the volunteers and even has a few extras for back-up. She has had one training session with the volunteers. The emcees asked that the coaches have a name tag identifying them as a coach. They will check the buzzer system before each battle to make sure they are all working and in the correct order. If a question was incomplete because a team buzzed in early, they will routinely repeat the question for the second team. Pronunciations of author names may vary slightly as long as it's a reasonable pronunciation according to the spelling of the name (especially Rutkoski). The judge in each room will have the final say if there are any disputes. The questions themselves cannot be challenged. The title **An** Angel Experiment or **The** Angel Experiment will both be accepted because the website says An and the book says The.

Buzzing: Gina asked for a clarification on buzzing in. The timekeeper will give a 5 second warning like last year. If the first team guesses incorrectly, the second team will be told to buzz in. Someone has to buzz in. When the person is acknowledged, they will have 10 seconds to confer and answer.

Questions: Linda announced that the question editors did an excellent job. She asked for a couple of volunteers to look over the questions for the regional battle one more time. Maureen and Gina volunteered to do this. Linda will order the cards for the questions.

Incentives: Kerstin said all but one library have picked up their notebooks. If you need extras, post it to the BOB listserv and libraries that don't need all ten may be willing to share. There are extras available also. We will use the leftover incentives from previous years to sell for a donation on the bake sale table the day of the battle. Kerstin suggested we use the leftover backpacks for the volunteers.

Pizza: Kerstin will ask JoAnn if she is going to organize this again. Last year one of her parents coordinated this. But teams can keep in mind that there are a couple of pizzerias very close to the school, as well as delis and Dunkin Donuts.

Bake sale: Teams should ask their families to bring baked goods for the table the day of the event (cupcakes, brownies, cookies...If they contain nuts please label them as such).

Chris announced that Terry Sennett is our new treasurer and checks should be sent to Clinton Community Library with BOB in the memo. Terry will also put together a form to be used for reimbursement.

Linda felt we need to discuss how many questions need to be written for each book at our fall meeting. We have a definite surplus the way it's working now.

If you live/work near an independent bookseller, please consider contacting them to see if they are interested in working with us on the book orders.

Chris urged those in attendance to start reading now for 2014!