

Middle School Battle of the Books

Mid-Hudson Library System

Member Meeting at Mahopac Public Library

June 6, 2017

1:00-2:00 pm

Attendees – Jenn Gay, Patterson, JoAnn DiSalvo, Beekman, Thea Schoep, Claverack, Julie Delisle, Chatham, Kristen Rigney, Beacon , Rebecca Newman , Kent, Jolie Hamer-Conroy , PPLD, Paul Murphy , Mahopac, Simona Torregossa, Matt Pavloff, Kinderhook, Kate Lambert, Pawling, Rose Lovell, PPLD, Maureen McGrath, Cold Spring, Kristin Charles-Scaringi, Kingston, Laura Pepitone, Tivoli

Meeting Minutes

1. Update of Committees

a. Financial:

The most recent Financial Statement was submitted to the Executive Board prior to the meeting. It did not reflect the most up-to-date deposits, however. [The receipt of these donations was confirmed by treasurer Denise Biery via email.] The current assests are \$3,261.29, including the most recent donations.

There will be new banners and trophies assembled with the new logos for 2018.

We will also be researching the cost to replace all materials such as the street sign.

b. Volunteer:

We have 3 runners but will need 6.

Runners are assigned to a room to bring scores and notify participants of the next battle.

We are looking for teenagers who are assertive for runner duties and also for score-keeping.

These duties are a full day commitment.

Please email Lisa Prentiss from Staatsburg Library at prentiss416@optonline.net

c. Facilities:

The Final Battle at Dutchess Community College will take place in Drumlin and Hudson Hall.

Parking is located off Creek and Cottage Rd. in Lot D.

There is a staff room for emcees & judges and vending machines throughout the building for visitors.

Jenn will be checking to see if we pre-order for pizza or have libraries pay the day of the event.

d. Question Writing:

Practice questions will be available by mid-late June.

There will be the same amount of questions as previous years.

e. Book Selections:

Next year's book selection list of 15 will be compiled by September for reading than voting.

*We decided not to meet with the author Adam Gidwitz this year due to the cost.

2. T-Shirt Group Buy

Teams have the option of purchasing shirts from Let's Get Personal in Poughkeepsie.

The shirts will have a logo on the front and the team name on the back.

White t-shirts will cost \$4.00. Ink color changes and logos can be added for an additional charge.

T-shirt orders through the group buy must be in by mid-August.

3. New Logo

The new logo will be available for the high school program this year (2017). It will be slightly modified for the middle school program and there will be a "base" design for the overall B.O.B. program. Teams are asked to donate to the Battle of the Books to help fund expenses.

4. Bounce After Battle

Teams will be given discount coupons for team members and siblings.

Coupons are valid for a period beyond the battle date.

5. Picking of Teams

All teams were submitted and randomly selected for the order of play. Battle brackets with the team names will be circulated online and JoAnn DiSalvo will have the large Master Scoreboard printed.

Submitted by:

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