

TASL Committee and Task Force Meetings – Work Session

January 29, 2011 – 9:30 am to 11:00 am

Pam Renfrow started the work session for committees and task forces. Those present:

Donna Jerden
Becky Jackman
Carlotta Wright
Lynn Carothers
Karen Cragwall
Karen Haggard
Anne Smith
Cristol Kapp
Allison Roberts
Nancy Dickinson
Laura Black
Sarah Searles
Mona Batchelor
Lynn Lilley
Hannah Little
Pam Renfrow
Alice Bryant
Beth Frerking

Break into sessions: 10:00 to 11:00

- Representatives – meet in big room
- Hannah – Professional Development Room
- Task Force – Green classroom

11:00 Hannah - Website update

11:45 Lunch

12:15 Board Meeting

TASL Board Meeting Minutes – 1.29.2011

The meeting was called to order by Pam Renfrow at 12:20 pm.

Minutes of the meeting were distributed to members prior to the meeting. Pam asked for any additional corrections to the minutes. No additional corrections were made.

Treasurer's Report – Beth Frerking submitted her report. (Attached)

Board Actions:

The Board was asked to appoint a task force to the officer's handbook, a task force to update the TASL history, and another to approve appointment of committee chairs. All actions were approved through electronic messages.

Hannah Little – Conference Update: (Document attached)

Margaret Peterson Haddix is signed and completed. Audrey Church is also signed and completed. All other speakers are planning to attend, but we have not received the completed contracts. Thanks to Becky, Alice, and Scot Smith. Debbie Winters will be running exhibits. Embassy Suites will be working with us on vendors/exhibits instead of George Fern. Nancy Dickinson will be continuing memberships. Mona Batchelor will be Registration Chair of the Conference.

Hannah and committee met and discussed duties and responsibilities and will be following up to recruit assistance. Hannah asked for questions regarding conference planning:

Vendors – Will there be less space? Response: There will be space for 40 vendors in the hall and 10 spaces in the hallways. Those ten spaces will be offered as premium spots. A couple of changes have been made and we are already working on a planning document to continually stay current on presenters and events. We are going to cut back from 8 to 6 concurrent sessions. We are hoping for quality rather than quantity. Instead of 58 total sessions we will have 36 total sessions. The Showcase will be held close to the opening reception. Hannah will update the board on the meeting she held with her committee earlier in the day in a separate report.

Officer Handbook – Alice Bryant gave special thanks to committee members Nancy Dickinson and Lynn Carothers. A document will be send to Board members in the coming week. Revision suggestions need to be made by **April 15**. We will work virtually and complete by the Board Meeting on **April 30**.

Professional Development – Allison Roberts discussed possible dates for Diane Las Casas professional development sessions. Anne and Karen are going to work on a location for Monday, July 11. For July 12, Karen Cragwall and Cristol will work on a location. For the 13th Carlotta, Lynn, and Carol Teeters are working on a location. Mona, Laura, and Karen H. are working on a location for July 14. Locations will be decided by the end of February. Other topics may be added and those will be negotiated and planning completed by the end of February. We are proposing an institute for April 30, the date of the Board Meeting. We are applying for a Grant for April 30 from AASL If we are approved we would combine a meeting and professional development. Alice Bryant will follow-up with Harpeth Hall to determine if the Richards Room of Harpeth Hall would be available if the grant money is provided.

New Business:

Road Trip – AASL President. Nancy Everhart will be visiting West High School, Sarah Searles school, in Knoxville. Nancy is funding this road trip with her own funds. Texas Association of School Librarians has donated funds to her tour. Pam Renfrow emailed Texas to discover the amount of funding they provided and found they gave Nancy \$500.00. Pam asked if we might consider donating funds to the Road Trip. A motion was made and seconded to give \$600 to the Road Trip - \$1.00 per member. Discussion: Even though \$1.00 per member was the first suggestion, Nancy recommended \$250.00 from us because we are smaller than Texas. Becky recommended we consider a substantial amount. We would be justified by giving \$600. It was suggested that we be specific – and give the exact amount \$628. Becky amended the motion to do the exact figure – last year’s membership – as the monetary support -\$628.00. The \$628.00 represents the number of TASL members 628 as of December 31, 2010. The motion was seconded. The motion carried. We will be giving \$628.00. Alice will write the letter to Nancy Everhart and include the check in the letter.

Donna Jerden– TEA

Materials available this year: Read across America is March 2. Donna also brought copies of “The Clinton Twelve.” It is a documentary film and Donna offered copies to anyone interested. There is a Website with lesson plans for those interested. Donna encouraged the group to watch and listen because the documentary is appropriate for Black History Month. Donna also recommended the TEA cards with coupons for TEA members. Donna also made available a copy of Education Committees for the year for the state. Deadline for filing bills is mid-February. Five bills are now filed that directly affect TEA. Donna recommended that the Board look at the information about the bills. Proposed Bills are available on the TEA Website. Donna

also mentioned Library Legislation Day was poorly attended, mainly because of the weather. Members asked Donna about adding information from TASL to the TEA Newsletter. Sarah Searles will write an article about Nancy Everhart's visit to her school and Donna will every effort to put the article in the TEA Newsletter.

Carlotta Wright commented about the collective bargaining bill that was filed. Williamson County Schools is actively involved in this bill. Carlotta reminded the group that collective bargaining has been the momentum that keeps benefits and salaries. Carlotta mentioned that the legislators need to hear from teachers that they want collective bargaining. Karen Cragwall mentioned that legislators want to have a means to dismiss teachers that are not meeting benchmarks.

Additional New Business:

Nancy Dickinson commented about the handout created for Library Legislation Day.

Sarah Searles and Amelia Bell created a handout using AASL information. Their handout featured bulleted information, article citations and Hannah also worked on the handout. (Hannah will send a copy to be posted in the minutes.)

Nancy read a letter from Carol Burr. Carol's husband had a stroke in November. Nancy read Carol's message to the TASL Board. Update on Clara Hasbrouck. (Clara's home was burned to the ground in December, 2011). Brenda Moriarity and Nancy have communicated. Nancy asked to have her award duplicated. Nancy asked if we could replace the lost award. A motion was made and seconded. Motion carried. Nancy also requested that we consider a gift for Clara at conference. Pam recommended that the Conference Committee organize something for Conference.

Additional Information: Pam Renfrow:

Area Reps – April 10 is the deadline for articles for the newsletter. Pam will send Area Reps the address to where articles should be sent.

April 15 – Information for the Board Meeting should be sent to Pam Renfrow.

To expedite our meetings all committees and area representatives who have information to report should send their reports to Pam on or before April 15. By sending those reports to Pam ahead of the meeting we can more easily stay on plan.

Summer Retreat for the Board:

Tentative Date: July 18, July 19 to Kentucky Summer Refresher at Marshall County High School.

Pam also brought tote bags, books, etc. from ALA Mid-Winter. Board members are encouraged to take anything from Mid-Winter they would like to take.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM. Next meeting: April 30, 2011 at Harpeth Hall School. Minutes, agenda and reports will be mailed virtually to all Board members by April 19, 2011.

Extended Document: **Conference Update**





Conference Update:

Pam Renfrow [President – Master of Ceremonies, & responsible for Conference Theme]




This year's theme: Opportunity Ahead



Becky Jackman [Guest Speaker Selection]

	<p>Margaret Peterson Haddix – keynote presentation and two breakout sessions http://www.haddixbooks.com</p> <p>Written more than 25 books for kids and teens, including <i>Running Out of Time</i>; <i>Don't You Dare Read This</i>, <i>Mrs. Dunphrey</i>; <i>Just Ella</i>; <i>Turnabout</i>; <i>Takeoffs and Landings</i>; <i>Because of Anya</i>; <i>Uprising</i>; <i>Palace of Mirrors</i>; <i>Claim to Fame</i>; the <i>Shadow Children</i> series; and the <i>Missing</i> series. She also wrote <i>Into the Gauntlet</i>, the tenth book in the <i>39 Clues</i> series. Her books have been honored with <i>New York Times</i> bestseller status, the International Reading Association's Children's Book Award; American Library Association Best Book and Quick Pick for Reluctant Young Adult Readers notations; and more than a dozen state reader's choice awards.</p>
	<p>Buffy Hamilton - The Unquiet Librarian presenting a general session and 2 breakout sessions http://theunquietlibrarian.wordpress.com</p> <p>Buffy Hamilton is the founding librarian of "The Unquiet Library" at Creekview High School in Canton, Georgia. Hamilton, who earned her Ed.S. in Instructional Technology and School Library Media at the University of Georgia in 2005, taught high school English courses and served as an educational technology specialist for the Cherokee County School District before deciding she wanted to be a librarian when she grew up. She is passionate about creating library experiences for her students that will encourage them to be lifelong learners and advocating for the power of the library in her community.</p>
	<p>Audrey Church from Virginia will be presenting 4 breakout sessions. http://www.longwood.edu/staff/churchap/</p> <p>Associate Professor and Coordinator for the School Library Media Program at Longwood University writing the following books <i>Your Library Goes Virtual</i>; <i>Leverage Your Library Program to Help Raise Test Scores: A Guide for Library Media Specialists, Principals, Teachers, and Parents</i>; and "Catch Them (Preservice Teachers) While You Can!" (p. 355-360) a section in Rosenfeld & Loertscher's, <i>Toward a 21st Century Library Program</i>.</p>
	<p>Ernie Cox will be presenting 2 breakout sessions http://teacherlibrarian.ning.com/profile/ErnieCox</p> <p>Selected as a "Mover & Shaker" by the Library Journal in 2010</p> <p>Cox was selected in the category of "Community Builders" for the work he's done at St. Timothy's School where he has been a school librarian for five years. He has been working with teachers to form professional learning communities based upon models used by many schools nationwide. His unique contribution has been to expand the school librarian's role within these collaborative learning teams.</p>

Scot Smith [VSBA Authors Coordination]

	<p>Brandon Mull</p> <p>http://brandonmull.com</p> <p>An American writer who is best known as the author of the <i>Fablehaven</i> fantasy series, which is a New York Times' bestseller. Mull has also written <i>The Candy Shop War</i>. Because many young readers are interested in his books, Brandon crosses the country talking to students, with the message that "imagination can take you places."</p>
	<p>Susan Beth Pfeffer</p> <p>susanbethpfeffer.blogspot.com/</p> <p>Award-winning author Susan Beth Pfeffer, has written over sixty books for children and young adults. She began her career in 1970, with the publication of her first book, <i>Just Morgan</i>, which she wrote her last semester at New York University.</p> <p>Ms. Pfeffer's books include middle-grade novels (<i>The Pizza Puzzle</i>), historical fiction (<i>Nobody's Daughter</i> and its companion volume <i>Justice for Emily</i>), and young adult novels (<i>Family of Strangers</i> and <i>Twice Taken</i>).</p>
	<p>John Himmelman</p> <p>http://us.macmillan.com/author/johnhimmelman</p> <p>John Himmelman is the author and illustrator of more than sixty books for children, including <i>Chickens to the Rescue</i>. He lives in Connecticut with his family.</p>
	<p>Ann Martin - has promised to come since she was unable to make the 2010 conference</p>

Alice Bryant [Association Secretary and Speaker Contract Coordination]

Alice has sent an **official conference contract** for all paid speakers for the 2011 conference
Based on past experience we will develop a Timeline of Target Dates for the following:

- Initial Conference Contract
- Confirmed Contract Returned
- Check Requested and sent
- All Paid Speakers Confirmed

Beth Frerking [Treasurer and Member Presenters]

We will develop a Timeline of Target Dates for the following

- Call for Member Presenters [sending out the call in the January Newsletter]
- Review and Selection of Presentations [Beth would like a committee review]
- Response to Presenters

Debbie Winters assisted by Debbie Greer [Exhibits and Vendors Program]

We will work directly with Embassy Suites instead of George Fern

Mona Batchelor [Registration]

We will have an automated form for registration that will require membership for reduced rates and will cut off at the "Early bird deadline"

New Database will allow Mona to print nametags and mailing labels

The attendees can print registration confirmation

Nancy Dickinson [Membership]

Soon to be automated through the new Web Site and Database design for Feb. 2011

Will allow Nancy to download membership lists

Beth Eades assisted by Sandy Ing [Scholarship]**Current Needs**

- **[TASL Awards Program]**
- **[TASL Showcase]**
- Awards Dinner and Business Luncheon Menus, Décor, and Entertainment
- AV and Tech [need about 6 tech-savvy people to coordinate equipment and troubleshoot before concurrent sessions]
- Bookstore [need a bookstore liaison to compile book list and contact our vendor]
- Conference Bags and Door Prizes [Several door prizes are already promised for 2011 - we want to Post the names of winners in a central location]
- Transportation and Author Courtesy [need about 6 librarians]
- Facilitators [6 or more people to facilitate concurrent sessions and count attendees]
- Sponsor Ads

Thursday, September 29, 2011

Time	Location [room capacity]	Description
3:00 - 7 :00 pm	Registration Desk	Registration
4:30 - 6:30 pm	Mirabella AB	TASL Showcase
5:00 – 8:00 pm	Mirabella E [40 Exhibitors]	Vendor & Exhibits Opening 10 Premium Spaces in the hall
4:30 – 8:00 pm	Cambridge A [10 tables]	Bookstore
6:00 – 7:00 pm	Mirabella CD [200]	Vendor Reception

8:00 PM		Dinner with a Local Librarian
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Friday, September 30, 2011

7:00 – 10:00 am	Registration Desk	Registration
8:00 – 11:00am 1:00 – 3:00 pm	Mirabella E [40 Exhibitors]	Vendor & Exhibits
8:00 am - 6:30 pm	Cambridge A	Bookstore
7:30 – 8:00 a.m.	Mirabella ABCD [400-450]	TASL Business Meeting 2011
8:00 -8:50 a.m.		Concurrent Sessions
Session 1	Oakleigh A [100]	Audrey Church
Session 2	Oakleigh B [100]	
Session 3	Oakleigh C [100]	
Session 4	Broadlands A [60]	
Session 5	Broadlands B [60]	
Session 6	Cambridge B [60]	
9:00 - 9:50		Exhibit Hall - No Conflict
10:00 - 10:50 am		Concurrent Sessions
Session 7	Oakleigh A [100]	Audrey Church
Session 8	Oakleigh B [100]	Margaret Peterson Haddix
Session 9	Oakleigh C [100]	
Session 10	Broadlands A [60]	
Session 11	Broadlands B [60]	
Session 12	Cambridge B [60]	

Friday, September 30, 2011 (cont'd.)

11:00 – 12:50 pm	Mirabella ABCD [400]	Luncheon / Keynote Speaker: Stage in Center Margaret Peterson Haddix
1:00 - 1:50 pm		Concurrent Sessions
Session 13	Oakleigh A [100]	Audrey Church
Session 14	Oakleigh B [100]	
Session 15	Oakleigh C [100]	
Session 16	Broadlands A [60]	
Session 17	Broadlands B [60]	
Session 18	Cambridge B [60]	
2:00 - 2:50 pm		Exhibit Hall - No Conflict
3:00 - 3:50 pm		Concurrent Sessions
Session 19	Oakleigh A [100]	Audrey Church
Session 20	Oakleigh B [100]	Margaret Peterson Haddix
Session 21	Oakleigh C [100]	
Session 22	Broadlands A [60]	
Session 23	Broadlands B [60]	
Session 24	Cambridge B [60]	
4:00 - 4:50 pm		Vendor Presentations
Workshop 1	Oakleigh A [100]	
Workshop 2	Oakleigh B [100]	
Workshop 3	Oakleigh C [100]	
Workshop 4	Broadlands A [60]	
Workshop 5	Broadlands B [60]	
Workshop 6	Cambridge B [60]	

5:00 - 5:50 pm		Drop-in Regional Socials
	Oakleigh A [100]	Middle
	Oakleigh B [100]	West
	Oakleigh C [100]	East
	Broadlands A [60]	High-school
	Broadlands B [60]	Elementary
	Cambridge B [60]	Middle
6:30 - 9:00 p.m.	Mirabella ABCD [200 -250]	Awards Banquet Stage in Center Haddix Again - if she wins
Saturday, October 1, 2011		
7:45 - 8:30 am	Registration Desk	Registration
8:00 am - 12:30 pm	Cambridge A	Bookstore
8:30-9:20 am		Concurrent Sessions
Session 25	Mirabella A [60]	Ernie Cox
Session 26	Mirabella B [60]	
Session 27	Oakleigh A [100]	Buffy Hamilton
Session 28	Cambridge B [60]	
9:30 - 10:30	Mirabella ABCD	General Session
		Buffy Hamilton
10:40 – 11:30		Concurrent Sessions

Session 29	Mirabella A [60]	Ernie Cox
Session 30	Mirabella B [60]	
Session 31	Oakleigh A [100]	
Session 32	Cambridge B [60]	
11:40 am - 12:30 pm		Concurrent Sessions
Session 33	Mirabella A [60]	
Session 34	Mirabella B [60]	
Session 35	Oakleigh A [100]	Buffy Hamilton
Session 36	Cambridge B [60]	