

FOESL Meeting Minutes
24 January 2017

In attendance:

Julie Solomon, Elizabeth Hutchins, Lara Ingham, Chris Myers, Gisela Walitzki, Rebecca Thompson

Minutes submitted by Rebecca Thompson

GOBS

- Dates confirmed for week of April 24th
- Collection Mon AM/PM and Tues AM only
- Kids to select books Wed and Thurs
- Families will be able to drop books week before, likely starting Monday, April 17th
- Chris expects space to be available in conference room and/or other US areas by then
- System will be same as last year, where kids who donated books can come early and/or select extra books first day
- No money or point system to be used
- Second day will include take-all-you-want time toward end of event
- Discussed ways to encourage more US involvement, including bringing in US buddies to help LS students select their books, as well as getting US students to help with carrying/moving books (for service learning hours)

Actionable follow-up items:

- Chris will get GOBS on official calendars today
- Chris will check on ways to help US students be available during GOBS, especially for buddy support
- Elizabeth will send messages to PAL heads for each of three divisions for room parent announcements
- Julie will send update for mention in newsletters to MS and US
- Becca will update/resend info from Wednesday Express for Elizabeth and Julie to forward
- Becca will make signs to publicize GOBS to post in early March
- Lara will help distribute/hang signs then

Author visits

- Patricia Polacco visit confirmed for February 23rd
- Will include luncheon that day in flex classroom near LS library--FOESL members welcome
- Will use a little money for lunch food since some left in budget
- Planning for classroom projects underway
- Discussion around the need to clarify which accounts are being tapped for author visit funding
- Hoping to secure visit with Jason Reynolds next year, could also involve collaboration/overlap with Dori King's work and other community outreach functions

Lou Fernandez Literary Festival

- Funding all came out of endowment, didn't need any support from FOESL

- Food costs totaled \$261
- Heather Hodges received \$200 honorarium
- Pauls Toutonghi declined honorarium and encouraged us to put any extra funds toward books

Treasurer's report--Julie

- Current funds are at \$9100
- We had set aside \$2K for LF (which we didn't need) and \$3500 for Patricia Polacco (but might need less--her visit will likely cost closer to \$2500)
- Julie will talk to Gretchen to confirm that we can roll this money into next year for future author visit and other event support
- If we have a budget surplus, this is another reason to consider using that funding to bring a big name author to campus next year

Budget/Grants

- Lara will be ordering Lonely Planet series travel books for kids; collection to be placed in LS Library (expected cost \$250) to honor Patty Walhood; Heidi Hackenjos will make book plates
- Chris will look into bench to honor Bev Shue--no progress on this since last meeting
- Group discussed FOESL's history of buying books to honor FOESL members' family members who have died, and moved to purchase a book to honor Chris's dad; Chris will consider possible fitting titles and get back to us

Wrap-Up

- Noted that librarians are planning a meeting in next couple of weeks, at which they will discuss if/how they can secure a visit with Jason Reynolds for next year, as well as review the Lou Fernandez Literary Festival events of its first two years and consider its format/goals going forward
- Discussion around when it makes sense in calendar to hold LFLF and GOBS--separate times of year to space out events that promote literacy versus together to consolidate and have the excitement of many events coinciding, with some appealing most to each division (LS/MS/US)? Timing of GOBS best to be in spring so as to be at least somewhat close to summer reading. Events involving upper schoolers have to take APs and other academic commitments into account. Jan/Feb is a time that many US projects are wrapping up and could coincide with presenting some of these projects as part of a celebration of literacy.
- Going forward, highlighted intention of thinking about what we hope for LFLF to be with the lens of *What is best for students and teachers to encourage and to highlight reading and writing?*

Remaining meetings for the 2016-2017 academic year (all in DVR):

February 28th

(No March meeting due to spring break)

April 18th

May 23rd