

HAISLN Fall Meeting
Thursday, September 27, 2007
4:00 pm St. John's Taub Library

Peg Patrick welcomed everyone and introduced the speaker, author Chris Crutcher. His topic was "Censorship and the School Librarian".

After Mr. Crutcher's presentation, president Laura Leib (The Grace School) called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. There were 29 members present with 4 of those being new members.

The minutes from the Spring Meeting were accepted as written.

Treasurer Susan Penny (Strake Jesuit) reported that she had deposited \$460 and was expecting to deposit more from membership dues collected at the meeting. The current balance is \$965.77. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

An overall Reading Committee chair and editor are needed. Members were asked to contact Laura Leib regarding these positions. A new website administrator is also needed. Sally Hilliard (River Oaks Baptist) has held this position from the beginning and would greatly appreciate a break.

A two tier deadline for reading lists was suggested. Pre-K through 8th grade lists could be due at the end of January with the 9-12 grade lists being due at the end of February.

Susan Penny reported that the High School reading list committee is using a blog to help with reviewing books. It can be found at librarianslearn.wordpress.com. Committee members can make comments and accept or reject books for their list through the blog. Susan would be able to adapt this to other reading committee groups if there is interest.

Laura will send an email to the membership about using the blog when filling out reading forms (to add or delete books from a list).

Jenni Elliott (Episcopal High School) brought a Guidelines for Selection of Titles that is being used by the grades 9/10 and 11/12 reading list committee. She suggested that these guidelines might be adopted by all reading committee groups with some changes to reflect the appropriate age level group.

Ideas were requested for the Winter meeting. It was suggested that we use that meeting as the last reading committee meeting for each group to finalize their list and turn the lists in at that time to the editor.

Dorcas Hand (AOS) said that we should put the fun back into the reading list committees and this could be done by having each group bring their favorite books from their own lists to share with the entire membership at the Winter meeting.

The meeting was adjourned and the members broke out into their reading committee groups.

Adonica Aston, Secretary