

Haisln Fall Meeting
Tuesday, October 7, 2008
St. John's School Taub Library
4:00 pm

The meeting was called to order by Peg Patrick. She introduced the board and then introduced our new members. There were 43 members in attendance with 10 of those being new members.

Peg announced that the District 8 meeting would be held Sat. Oct. 18 at the Lone Star College – Cy-Fair from 8:00 until around 1:45 with online registration closing on Thurs. Oct. 9th. She encouraged our attendance. (It is close to the new upscale outlet mall for those interested.)

She also announced that the Tall Texans deadline for online application is January 7, 2009. This group, part of TLA, has an institute that is held in the summer and is a way to grow leaders. You must have been a librarian for 5 years and have some recommendations. She encouraged us to apply.

The annual TLA conference is in Houston this year from March 31- April 3, 2009. The Private School Librarian's dinner will be held at Incarnate Word Academy. More info will be coming as to the day and time. The fact that we are listed in the TLA conference booklet is good PR for us.

In the past, we have used paper ballots to vote for the incoming officers. Those members not in attendance could not vote. Peg asked for volunteers to be on a By-Laws Committee to review this process and make new recommendations to our group at the Jan. meeting. We will then vote on the recommendations. By-laws committee members will be Diane Roberts, Betsy Ginsberg, Sally Hilliard, and Suzanne Webb.

Another concern was that in certain circumstances, we need home and cell numbers of our members. After discussion, Rebecca Shields made a motion to make a hard copy of home and cell numbers to be given to our members. It was seconded by Caro Ann Germann and passed. This information will not be posted on the website.

The Treasurer's report was that we have a balance of \$1604.66 in our account. The new HAISLN directories are available on the website.

The next HAISLN meeting will be Thursday, January 29, 2009 at St. Thomas High School. Peg proposed that we either do book talks by the Reading groups as we did last year or have some book sellers come to give us ideas of trends in children's and YA literature or upcoming titles in these areas. We voted and we will have some booksellers come and talk to us on trends and good new titles.

It was announced that Brian Jacques is coming to the Children's Museum on October 27th at 5:00pm and Tommy de Paola will be coming to the Children's Museum on November 21st from 4:00pm-5:30pm.

We broke into reading groups and met for 20 minutes or so before eating dinner. Everyone had a box dinner with salad, quiche and a brownie from French Gourmet.

After dinner, we went to the computer lab to hear a presentation on "Web 2.0 and the Busy Librarian" by Debbie Hall, Library Technology Supervisor for the Department of Library Services at H.I.S.D. She spoke of different aspects of Web 2.0 including Blogs, Wikis, and Social Networking sites.

The meeting was adjourned.

Georgene Quirke, Secretary