

Teen Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2011
1:30 pm

Present: Laura M., Esther H. Linda S., Marilyn K.

Linda mentioned that Cassandra would be willing to take minutes at our meetings, if we didn't want to. We declined. Thank you, Cassandra, for offering though.

SRP

Linda shared sample of a System-wide SRP Program flyer for 2011. The flyers would have all our programs and crafts listed on them and be printed in black ink on colored paper. We have not decided what color paper we will use.

Linda asked if we had received our SRP performer sheets from Krista. Everyone has received them. Linda has copies if we need them.

We discussed the SRP reading record again. Laura, Esther and Marilyn would like each icon to represent 20 minutes of reading for the teens, as they do for adults and children. We, also, would like the teens to read for the same amount of time as the children &/or adults, which is 8 hours. Linda is going to verify the amount of time the children are required to read and will bring that information to our next meeting.

Teen Board

We discussed the possibility of the teen board helping to develop programming, etc. for all the branches. Linda doesn't feel that this would work for the current board as there are only 3 middle-school students who regularly attend the meetings at Wirt. She feels that, among other issues, transportation of these students to other buildings would be an issue.

After much discussion, we are going to consider having independent teen boards at each of our buildings, if we are able to form them. Linda stated that if we do form independent branch boards, the boards should meet as a group quarterly or semi-annually. However, the transportation logistics would be an even greater issue with the additional boards than they would be now if the current Teen Board were to become involved at all the branches.

Amazing Race

Marilyn, Ester and Laura reported on their Amazing Race "brainstorming" session last Friday, explaining to Linda the concept we had come up with. She is going to join in our "race".

We are going to take our teen participants to 8 countries during SRP: China, Antarctica, Australia, Egypt, Mexico, the United Kingdom, Argentina and the Netherlands.

The teens will race through a different country each week for the first 8 weeks of SRP. We will be rotating the countries from branch to branch, much like the children's storytime totes rotate (e.g. China might be in Pinconning for week 1 then be in Auburn for week 3, Sage for week 5 and Wirt for Week 8). If a teen misses China in Pinconning, he/she may race through China in Auburn during Week 3.

Only those teens who complete the Amazing Race will be eligible to be in the race's prize drawing at the end of SRP, so we are going to use week 9 as a make-up week. Teens can complete any missed legs of the race during that week that they were not able to complete or catch up with at another branch earlier in the race.

There are going to be 2 tasks for teens to complete during each leg of the race (in each country). The teen will have to use library materials, etc., to complete the first task (e.g. identifying landmarks, puzzles, etc.). The second task will be different (e.g. writing their name in hieroglyphics or Chinese characters, a craft, etc.).

Each of us is responsible for developing the "legs" for 2 countries:

Linda –China and Antarctica
Laura – The Netherlands and Egypt
Esther -- Mexico and Australia
Marilyn – The United Kingdom and Argentina

Marilyn is working on signage for advertising the programs (for the monitors, etc.) and signage needed for the race (e.g. clue boxes, finish mats, race flags, etc.).

Linda is working on "Passports" for the teens to carry with them during the race. The passport will be stamped when the teens complete each leg of the race. We will number the passports to keep track of the number of race participants.

SRP Quizzes

We are going to continue to provide quizzes for teens to complete each week during SRP. Each of us will prepare 2 or 3 quizzes.

Laura – Music and World Capitals
Linda –Books, Celebrities, and TV
Esther – Language and Money
Marilyn – Rivers and Landmarks

SRP Prize Books

We discussed SRP prize books. We decided to choose 10 titles in addition to the crossover book titles which are offered to both teen and children's finishers.

Linda said she and Krista have chosen “Ranger’s Apprentice” and “My Life in Pink” as this year’s crossover book titles.

Thus far, we have chosen the following titles, if available:

“Hunger Games”
“Fallen”
“Pretty Little Liars” (old cover)
“Along for the Ride”
“Leviathan”
“Luxe”
“Mockingbird”
“Iron King”

Linda shared the number of prize books we had at each branch last year. We will plan on approximately the same number this year.

Crafts

We need to bring ideas for our craft bundles to the next meeting.

Linda suggested that we might want to consider doing a video or more of the process of making some of our crafts. We will discuss this further at our next meeting.

Other

Marilyn shared information about the “Survivor” Saturday Program that is going to be held in Pinconning during SRP. The program will end with a Teen & Adult “Mzuri” (rolled paper) bead craft.

Minutes submitted by Marilyn Kaeckmeister

Next meeting: March 17, 2011
1:30 pm
AJWPL Board Meeting Room

Responsible for taking minutes: Laura