In Attendance: Beth Rosania, Jen Sullivan, Emily Jones, Treasure Samuel, Meredith Hale

We introduced ourselves and talked a little about the climates in our respective systems.

We went over the roles and duties of board members to make sure everyone was clear about their expectations, including the things CAYAS does at conference. We made notes on some of the duty descriptions to clarify. I told people about other new people joining the board.

Leah Griffin has been on the board as the distance iSchool representative, and rotated off in the spring when she graduated. She wanted to stay involved and has been working in a school library. We attempted to start a collaboration last year with WLMA having the Incoming Chair act as liaison, but since that term was shortened last year, not much happened with that. Leah has offered to step in and act as a CAYAS/WLMA representative and keep us informed on the things going on with WLMA.

Her replacement as the distance iSchool rep is Sarah Ogden, in her first semester at the iSchool and soon to be joining us here in Washington.

We also have Tracy Rebstock remaining with us as a liaison to the Collaborative Summer Library Program.

Each board position has a timeline for the year in your binder – please take a look at yours. If your position doesn't have a timeline, let me know and we'll try to hammer something out for the future.

We also went over the binders and all agree that they are rather out of date, as well as clunky. Before our next meeting (in January – stay tuned for a date), we'd like to eliminate the need for binders. Each position also has a flash drive. We decided to make sure each flash drive was up to date with relevant information and that anything that was historically important for that position should be scanned and put on the flash drive (this means past presenter information, etc.). The chair will put a copy of everyone's flash drives on the master hard drive for back up. We all decided we didn't need meeting minutes from the 90s. If people disagree, please let me know. The chair can keep one copy of historical minutes in the master binder so they are available if needed, but the passing of binders is kind of crazy.

I updated people on the upcoming fall workshop. Here is what Sarah sent me:

<<"Moovin' and Groovin'" in storytime is scheduled for Saturday, November 5th at the University Place Library. As of last week, there were 12 people signed up. I sent a last-call invitation to register and will get the final count next week. The second offering in Ellensburg was cancelled due to low registration. The two speakers are both from Sno-Isle Libraries, Lorraine Burdick and Sarah Zabel (me J). Participants will learn many new songs and twists on classics as well as ways to include movement games and activities. They will also do a take-home flannel craft. I expect it to be a lot of fun and very participatory.

The workshop will easily cover its own cost since the speakers are not charging fees. Lunch and snacks will be provided.>>

We talked a little about the spring workshop and the idea that it will be offered online. People are having a hard time paying costs and getting time off to attend workshops, so our attendance numbers are suffering. Darcy had this excellent idea. The spring workshop team and Darcy can hopefully fill us in more on the presenter and topic. We talked a little about format – i.e. should it meet for 3 2-hour sessions, be a short workshop, etc. The folks on that team will continue to figure out those details. If this format works out, we thought it would be fun to start a trend of the fall workshop being in person and the spring always online (due to people having traveled for conference, etc.).

Also, I had been working with Holly Black for our Author Breakfast at conference and she's not able to make it after all because of her upcoming book tour, so I'm working on finding someone else. People came up with some great suggestions, so along with my own ideas, I'll be working on that. If you know someone you'd love to see speak, especially if they are local, let me know so I can add it to my list of possibilities.

Treasure and Emily asked if there was a scholarship or some kind of assistance to help board members pay for conference. I didn't know offhand, but said I'd look into it. Again, if anyone is aware of such a thing, please let us all know.