



Meeting 11/17/21

5:30 pm at Greene Turtle 75 Visitors Center Dr, McHenry, MD 21541

In Attendance:

Kim Collins

Tammy Friend-Blythe

Natalie Manges

Amy Warnick

Wendy Craver

Cheri Helmstetter

Sandy Coluzzi

Membership

- Use Join-It
- Reach out to past members (Cheri has this list)
- SOMLA will send directions to those that have signed up but have not created an account through Join-It
- An attempt will be made to alternate meeting locations (perhaps Penn Alps)
- Start meeting at 6:00 pm to accommodate for educators participating in after school tutoring programs

October Trunk or Treat

- A few officers participated (free books, bookmarks, and candy treats were given to each child, parents received information on the importance of reading to children at home and our membership form)
- Photos from the event need to be added to social media and Weebly

Chapter T-Shirts

- Order forms distributed (Return these to Amy Warnick as soon as possible)
- Post form on Weebly

Social Media

- Natalie will take over Facebook and add Instagram for our chapter
- Sandy will keep Weebly - post virtual line up for SOMLA
- Maryland Day by Day Literacy Calendar - post on on all social media and Weebly each month
- Kim Collins has a connection with an author - Debbie Clement (early childhood)

Young Authors'

- Forms are updated and ready to go and will be sent to AC and GC boards for approval
- Distributed in schools BEFORE Thanksgiving

Book Club

- Chapter decided to focus on personal reads for enjoyment (Read for Fun)
- We will take a look at this after Young Authors' contest

Other Initiatives Discussed

- Laundromat Literacy-book baskets (see website)
- Little Free Library-to launch in the spring (NX, CR)
 - Goal is to have one at each level on both ends of the county
 - Promote these through the Weebly, Facebook, Instagram
 - Reach out to coffee shops & book stores
 - Work to partner with Landon's Library
- Books for Babies - AC will prepare gift bags for new babies with WMLC promo (handout from Reading Rockets)
 - Get in touch with GC Judy Center to see if possible for GC
- Literacy Nlghts in Schools
 - Literacy coaches will talk about this in their schools (Consider this for Title 1 nights)
- Global Literacy Project
 - St. Lucia project (we need a deadline from SOMLA)
 - Books for kids in grades 1-5
 - Gently used Professional Development books for teachers

Working on December Chapter Activity

- Storybook Holiday (Link is not working to pick window)
 - Cheri has been communicating with FSU and will keep looking into this
 - Grantsville Elementary will have 2 windows
- Penn Alps activity
 - Amy will call Pam Margroff to discuss the possibility of our chapter participating in an event

January - Maryland Reading Month

- We will need to discuss how to promote this through our chapter

November SOMLA Meeting

- Professional Development from Erik Palmer - www.pvlegs.com
- Importance of direct instruction in speaking for students

February 12: Next SOMLA Meeting