

March 9, 2023 FCRA Minutes
5:00 pm via Zoom

Sabrina Secrest called the meeting to order at about 5:10 pm. She welcomed everyone.

North Carolina Children's Book Awards presentation–Deb Fidali, WSFCS media coordinator

Jeannie Evans introduced Deb.

Deb provided a wonderful presentation about all of the books nominated for this year's North Carolina Children's Book Awards.

- The awards are in two categories: Junior Book Awards and Picture Book Awards.
- These titles are books with copyright dates of 2020 or later.
- The deadline for students to vote for these books is March 31.
- Nominations are currently being received for books for next year's competition.
- Her favorite books this year were Clean Getaway by Nic Stone, The Boy Who Grew a Forest by Sophia Gholz, and Flower Talk by Sara Levine
- She graciously shared her presentation slides with us so that we can explore the links to book read-alouds, teaser videos, and NCCBA and other book-related resources so we can use them with our students:  Forsyth County Reading Association 2023

President's Report–Sabrina

Sabrina encouraged everyone once again to attend the NC Reading Conference if at all possible.

She continues to be encouraged that we will likely be able to receive CEUs for this year's meetings.

Secretary's Report–Jeannie Evans

Membership Report–Jeannie

We currently have 26 members.

Attendance for the Zoom meeting will be recorded by Jeannie and verified by members' completion of the Google doc exit ticket.

20 for 2022–Jeannie

Jeannie reminded members that they can virtually attend other NC council meetings for other professional development opportunities

Link:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OmQK-WDHfwzQa8oEDcwMkFMx8E1NB4KTP5eomCEuh4/edit?usp=sharing>

FCRA Survey–Jeannie

Members should complete by April 12 to get a bonus door prize ticket at the April meeting.

April 20 Young Authors Celebration and End of Year Meeting–Sabrina and Jeannie

- This meeting will be held at St. John's.
- We will start in the gym with the Young Authors Celebration for our local winners.
- We will serve cookies and water and need members to use the Sign Up Genius to sign up to bring 2 dozen or more cookies.
- Then we will have a fun FCRA presentation on how to use Reader's Theater to build fluency.
- BJ's Brewhouse will be providing our dinner.

- Your meal ticket is a new book donation from the ReadWS wish list or a cash donation for us to use to purchase books.
- Members should RSVP via Google form if they plan to attend.

Meeting Conclusion

Door Prize drawings–Stephanie Kiel

The exit ticket link was sent via email after the meeting since it couldn't be pasted into the group chat.

The meeting was adjourned at about 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jeannie Evans, Secretary