

2/17/22 Forsyth County Reading Association Meeting Minutes
Salem Chapel Community Room 4:30 pm

FCRA Secretary Jeannie Evans welcomed FCRA members at about 4:40 and shared about her experiences with Read Write Spell throughout the years and introduced our presenters from Read Write Spell, Margaret Dickinson, Paula Bennett, and Jeanie Wilson.

Margaret, Paula, and Jeanie shared about some of the many outreach efforts Read Write Spell is doing in the Forsyth County community including the Augustine Literacy Project (training and supporting tutors working with 2nd-5th graders in WSFC schools twice a week throughout the school year) and the Reading Warriors program (training and supporting 1st grade tutors working in the WSFC schools).

We divided into groups according to the grades we taught (or for which we wanted to learn some interventions) and Margaret, Paula, and Jeanie guided us in creating and learning how to use some different intervention activities for K-2 and/or 3-5 students. After working on interventions for our chosen grade level, we had the opportunity to create resources for the other grade level as well.

President's Report—Sabrina Secrest

Sabrina welcomed everyone and encouraged us all to register to attend the North Carolina Reading Conference March 20-22. She has had wonderful opportunities to meet authors at previous conferences. FCRA will reimburse members for \$50 of their registration cost if they provide proof of registration for attending all or one or two of the conference days.

<https://www.ncreading.org/conference-2022>

Treasurer's Report—John Brock (for Laura Brock)

Our starting balance for February was \$920.00, and our ending balance (after receiving reimbursement from NCRA) was \$970.00

Secretary's Report—Jeannie Evans

20 for 2021 Professional Development--Jeannie

NCRA will be facilitating the offering of different Zoom programs, which will be provided by different NC councils throughout the year. This always-changing document of events is available at <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Z6TphCbVMgBSd530mDz3gcE-kyHLn0BuRDGGyyIWQ00/edit?usp=sharing>

Read Write Spell book collection—Jeannie

Preferred method of donation: order online from the ReadWS wish lists at [Bookmarks](#) or [Amazon](#)
Bring in gently (like new!) used books to our meetings.

Book-Bringing Incentives: 1 extra door prize ticket for each book ordered online and 1 extra door prize ticket for every three gently used books brought in

Ronald McDonald House--we will be donating books for their library (and for guests to take home) and will be collecting soda can tabs at our meetings.

Young Authors Project--Cheryl Key

Cheryl announced that we have five state winners from Forsyth County:

Cheryl Key

Ellory Watkins

Henry Lambeth

Jackson Miller

Annie Kate Warner

Next meeting: Thursday, March 17 our meeting will be on Zoom. ECU Professor Alan Bailey will be our presenter, and he will be sharing about Using Diverse Children's Picture Books to Create Welcoming and Inclusive Classrooms. A Zoom link will be sent out early that week, so please watch your email for that.

John Brock drew for door prizes, and the meeting concluded at about 6:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Evans, FCRA Secretary