

## **LACONI YSS General Meeting**

**Friday, April 25, 2008**

### **Serving Our Littlest Patrons Des Plaines Public Library, Des Plaines**

President Mary Adamowski called the General Membership Meeting to order at 9:50 am. She welcomed everyone, read the LACONI Youth Services mission statement and introduced the board members.

The secretary's report was read by Christy Kepler and approved.

The treasurer's report was read by Alicia Parmele and approved.

Vice President Kate Hall presented the upcoming program featuring illustrator, David Catrow on October 17, 2008 at the Oak Park Public Library.

New Business – Christy Kepler presented the 2008-09 slate for the Youth Services Section of LACONI. The slate was approved.

There was no old business.

President Mary Adamowski adjourned the business meeting at 10:00 am.

The Serving Our Littlest Patrons program followed.

Four topics were presented in the morning portion of the program.

- Michael Barrette from Wunder Studios presented the importance of music in child development and the music education opportunities for young children offered at Wunder Studios.
- Christy Kepler presented the Toddler Art program she created for the Oswego Public Library and how librarians can replicate this program in their libraries.
- Holly Jin from the Skokie Public Library presented an overview of the Every Child Ready to Read initiative and the innovative ways libraries are using this information.
- Dr. Valerie Scaramella-Nowinski from the C.H.I.L.D. Foundation gave an overview of her work in child development and how she became involved in the Readers and Leaders program. Mary Weimar and Diane Norris, from the Orland Park Public Library, gave an overview of the Readers and Leaders program. They also presented how they have incorporated the Every Child Ready to Read initiative into the program.

Lunch was a Mexican buffet.

Three presenters demonstrated different electronic products and resources in the afternoon portion of the program.

- Cynthia Brown and Nick Stiglich demonstrated the web-based, Scholastic product, BookFlix.
- Michael Mok demonstrated, AWE Early Literacy Station, a stand-alone computer station product.
- Shannan Carrell presented Babygarten, an early literacy curriculum for parents and young children.

The general meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.