Forsyth County Reading Association Meeting

Thursday, September 20, 2018 4:30 pm

Redeemer Church—Room 110

Members enjoyed a pizza, pasta, and salad dinner provided by BJ’s Brewhouse.

Janice Lievens began the formal meeting at 5:00 pm.

Cheryl Key provided the Treasurer’s Report and described our two service projects for the year:

 Ronald McDonald House—we provide specialized books for their library for both parents and children.

 Peruvian Hearts—we donate funds to help a girl in Peru be able to go to school.

Janice introduced our speaker, FCRA member and current NCRA president, Sabrina Sechrest.

Sabrina shared about the 2018-19 themes for the NCRA and for the Young Authors contest.

 This year’s NCRA theme = Communications Connection

 Sabrina talked about the importance of helping students connect with each other and through

 literature and writing and how that has impacted her life.

 This year’s Young Authors theme is “What Makes Your Heart Lift Up”.

 Students (and teacher authors) are encouraged to develop this idea by writing about

 -What gives them joy and

 -What they are passionate about.

 A suggested idea for brainstorming was having students create Heart Maps that show what

 they care most about.

 Sabrina shared that in strong submissions

 -the writer’s unique voice comes out clearly and

 -the writer uses strong details and carefully chosen words to describe and elaborate.

 On the NCRA website there is a list of texts that correlate well with the theme and can be read

 aloud or by students.

 Young Authors submissions will be due at our November meeting.

 FCRA members can volunteer to help choose our council’s submissions to the state level.

 In April we will invite the published student authors to come and share their writing at our

 meeting and have a celebration for them.

Janice introduced this year’s FCRA board members:

 Janice Lievens—President

 Karen Hill-Vice-President

 Cheryl Key—Treasurer

 Jeannie Evans—Secretary

 Rebecca Jordan—Membership (not present because she had baby Dorothy on Labor Day!)

Janice shared that Rebecca Jordan has information about the Appalachian State Reading Certification/Masters

 program cohort that will be starting soon in Winston-Salem if anyone is interested.

Rebecca will be our speaker on October 11 and will give ideas about how to teach writing.

Members receive .2 hours of professional development credit for each FCRA meeting attended.

Janice encouraged everyone to sign up to receive BJ’s Awesome Achievement certificates and provided

 directions for doing so.

 The link is <https://www.bjsrestaurants.com/community/kids-and-families/awesome-achievement>.

The meeting ended with the distribution of school supply themed door prizes to those whose membership

 forms were drawn.

Donations of door prizes for our meetings are welcomed and appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Evans, Secretary