

## YS Forum Board Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Regular meeting: Via Zoom

Approved ?/?/2022

### **In Attendance:**

#### 16 Members in Attendance –

*Co-manager*- Jen Abler, Oak Lawn Public Library

*Co-manager*- Christy Kepler, Oswego Public Library District

Ann Baillie, Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library

Beth McCloskey, Itasca Community Library

Brandi Smits, Orland Park Public Library

Kelly Stultgate, St. Charles Public Library

Kristi Miller – Westmont Public Library

Nicole Mills, Glenview Public Library

Niki Marabotti, Gail Borden Public Library

Sarah Tattersall, Aurora Public Library

Tina Ruzala, Palos Heights Public Library

Gwen Harrison – Illinois State Library

Cyndi Robinson, ILA Liaison

Amber Creger, ILA Liaison

Jenny Westbrook-Krusza, Richton Park Library

Lisel Ulaszek, Sycamore Public Library

### **Guests:**

#### 1 Guest in Attendance –

Susan Schober – Glencoe Public Library

### **Not in Attendance:**

Erica Hanke-Young, Six Mile Regional Library District, iRead Liaison

## **1) Welcome & Reports**

- a) Introductions
- b) Forum buddies for new members – Sarah will be a buddy for Susan
- c) Assign note taker - Christy
- d) Any corrections to the minutes from February 4, 2022 – one spelling correction
- e) Approval of minutes from February 4, 2022 –approved with one spelling correction.
- f) Additions or changes to agenda –none.
- g) Roster additions – Christy will email an updated roster.
- h) ILA Board report - Amber–
  - i) Emails went out for voting in ILA elections
  - ii) Awards – Nominations are due April May 15<sup>th</sup> . Please nominate people. Grants and Awards – check out what is available on ILA site.
  - iii) Reaching Forward –Friday, May 6, 2022. Registration is still open.
  - iv) Diane Foote retiring in November.

- i) YASF report – Nicole Mills – shared a link for the YA Forum’s latest meeting notes.
  - i) They are interested in teaming up with YS Forum to do the unconference again.
- j) iREAD report - Brandi – “*Find Your Voice*” is the theme for 2023 - need submissions for the annual resource guide.
- k) Correspondence – none.

## 2) Old Business

- a) YSF Committee Reports:
  - i) **Awards Committee** – Kelly - chair; Kristi, Lisel, Ann, Brandi
    - a. No news. Submissions are being accepted now.
  - ii) **Author Breakfast Committee** – (Youth Services Key Note Speaker) – Beth a. chair,
    - a. Christy Speaker will be – author and illustrator, Angela Dominguez. Two of her many books - of Mango, Abuela and Me; author and illustrator of Stella Diaz Has Something to Say.
  - iii) **Social Media & Marketing Committee** – Ann - chair; Sarah, Christy, Brandi, Tina, Nikki
    - a. Ann - Soup been going well. Ink Joy orange ink pens were ordered for promotional giveaways.
  - iv) **Conference Booth Committee** – Beth – chair, Sarah, and Kristi.
    - a. Reaching Forward – Have tablecloth all set. She has candy and will promote the SOUP and information about the YS Forum.
    - b. At ILA – plan is to have a spinning wheel and lots of giveaways-i.e. the orange ink pens.
  - v) **Open House** - Jen and Christy attended it on February 25 as YS Forum representatives.
    - a. Went well. We had 5 people come to our breakout room. Christy sent a follow up “Llamagram” to each person with information on our next meeting. Two were interested in coming to meetings. They will be included in group emails.
  - vi) **Battle of the Graphic Novels** - Brandi – chair; Christy, Jen
    - a. Brandi shared a link for the list of 32- will create a bracket and form for voting. Christy suggested getting some advertisement for the Battle and the list of books out real soon so libraries can order books if interested. Jen suggested making a bookmark.

## 3) New Business

- a) ILA Conference - Theme is “At the Heart of It” and will be October 18-20, 2022 at the Donald E. Stevens Convention Center, Rosemont.
  - Conference proposals due April 4. Conference Program Ideas so far:
    - i) **IGNITE** – Kelly – submitted.
    - ii) **Practical Magic for YS Managers** – Kelly – will submit. Jen will help on this too.
    - iii) **Unconference** – Nikki will submit this one. YA Forum partnering on this again.
    - iv) **EDI Program** - Sarah and Ann – submitted. They will add more participants on the panel if it is accepted.
    - v) **Working With Middle School Aged Volunteers** – “*Crafting For a Cause*” - Beth and Kerri from Arlington Heights, and Kristi – submitted.
    - vi) **Story time Ideas** – no one submitted proposal for this idea.
- b) New ILA Conference Program Ideas – none.
- c) Participation in IYSI Conference – March 16-17, 2023 in Bloomington-Normal. Jen spoke about plans for evening events on Wednesday night for those coming early.
- d) Any area YS meetings, programs, or other educational opportunities that anyone would like to announce to the Forum:

- i) Jen – Global Beatles Day is Saturday June 25 – Oak Lawn Public Library – has display coming up.
- ii) Beth -Prairie State Story League – next meeting is April 8 at 10 am on Zoom– registration going on now.
- iii) Gwen is presenting at Reaching Forward South on Friday – *“How to Better Connect With Your Library.”*
- iv) Tina - LACONI – LACONI is hosting *“Library Ethics in Youth Services”* workshop in April 21<sup>st</sup>. Registration is going on now.
- v) Kristi – Bug Zoo program is coming to Westmont Public Library on Father’s Day weekend. Crosstown Exotics is the company.
- vi) Niki – Gail Borden Public Library’s upcoming exhibit will be on the Wizard of Oz.
- vii) Amber – Edison’s Secret Lab exhibit – STEAM interactive elements – Schaumburg
- e) Beth expressed concern on people not being able to attend conference and being involved in the YS Forum if they are not in an exempt position due to the travel and amount of hours involved to attend conferences. Kristi added that the affordability is also a factor for some libraries to be able to send staff to conferences.
  - i) Discussion led to interest to find ways for ILA Forum members to be involved in non-conference projects. Ideas that came up were to participate in Noon Network presentations or to create more resource items/services like the new Battle of the Graphic Novels.
  - ii) Discussed keeping our meetings on zoom so travel time and cost are not blocking someone from attending.
  - iii) This topic will go on the next agenda to be explored further.

**4) Upcoming Meetings:**

August 12, 2022; (new date)  
 At conference in October  
 November 4, 2022

Meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.