

## YS Forum Board Meeting Minutes

Zoom

April 30, 2021 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

### 1) Welcome & Reports

- a) Introductions – 15 in attendance: Anne Kunzen, Beth McCloskey, Kerry Bailey, Jennifer Abler, Ann Baillie, Rachel Fuller, Christy Kepler, Niki Marabotti, Kristi Miller, Tina Ruzala, Jenny Westbook-Krusza, Erica Hanke-Young, Cyndi Robinson, Amber Creger, Alea Perez (guest)
- b) Forum buddies for new members – no new members
- c) Assign note taker – Beth
- d) No corrections to the minutes from February 5, 2021
- e) Approval of minutes from February 5, 2021 – Kristi motioned to accept the minutes; Jen seconded the motion; all voted in approval
- f) Additions or changes to agenda – Add Steenz presentation at the ILA Virtual Conference to the list of conference sessions
- g) Roster additions – no changes
- h) YASF report (Nicole Mills) – Nicole was unable to attend.
  - i. Alea Perez, a former member of YASF, presented her proposal that YSF offer a Battle of the Books similar to YASF's program, but focus on youth graphic novels. Her written proposal was sent to Beth and Anne and will be forwarded to the rest of the Board after the meeting. Amber provided a link to YASF's program for reference: <https://yasfnews.wordpress.com/2021-tournament-of-books/>. Tina motioned to table further discussion until the next meeting. Kristi seconded that motion.
- i) ILA Board report (Amber) – Award nominations are open; don't forget to nominate youth librarians for awards that aren't specific to youth like Librarian of the Year and Crossman Memorial. Voting for the ILA election ends today. The next Noon Network will be on May 12 and is titled *Are You Ready to Celebrate Rainbow Book Month?* Reaching Forward will be on May 7 and registration ends May 3. The ILA DEI sub-committee is working on definitions of terms.
- j) iREAD report (Erica Hanke-Young) – At their last meeting on February 12, they went over product ideas for 2022 Read Beyond the Beaten Path.
- k) Correspondence – None

### 2) Old Business

- a) YSF Annual Awards:
  - i) YSF Awards Committee made the revisions we discussed at the last meeting and submitted them to the ILA Awards Committee.
  - ii) We are looking for a new sponsor for the Youth Services Librarian of the Year Award (formerly Davis Cup). It is \$450 a year to sponsor with a 3-year commitment. Some potential sponsors were discussed. Cyndi emailed Anne and Beth a form letter that people can use to solicit sponsors. If a board member has a sponsor in mind, you can get the letter from Anne or Beth.
- b) 2021 ILA Virtual Conference – Tuesday, October 12-Thursday, October 14 at 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. each day. Follow-up report of proposals submitted; the following were planned:
  - i) Readers' advisory for kids who are beyond readers, but not ready for long chapter books – not accepted
  - ii) StoryWalks – not accepted
  - iii) Storytime EDI/DEI (Sarah) – accepted
  - iv) Homeschooling program – not submitted
  - v) Youth Middle Management – not accepted
  - vi) Passive programming for youth (Beth, Kristi, Brandi) – accepted

- vii) IGNITE (Ellen) – accepted. Ellen will need volunteers for this session. If your proposal wasn't accepted, consider doing a mini-version of it as an IGNITE session.
- viii) Unconference (submitted by YASF on behalf of YASF and YSF) – accepted. It will be on Thursday at 9:00-11:00 a.m. (starts an hour earlier, so we can have a 2-hour session).
- ix) Steenz presentation was arranged by ILA. It will be on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. In place of the in-person author breakfast, it will be sponsored by iREAD and possibly moderated by YSF. Cyndi asked for suggested titles for this session, and all agreed on Youth Services Keynote Speaker.

### 3) New Business

- a) Izabel Gronski from YASF submitted a proposal for an Unconference for ILA, and suggested co-sponsorship with YSF. As mentioned above, this program was accepted, and we need YSF volunteers to work with YASF. Kerry, Ann, and Niki volunteered. Unconference will be on Zoom and breakout rooms will be used.
- b) Bylaws revisions: Proposed revisions were provided in advance of the meeting. Discussion was had regarding some of the changes. Anne motioned to accept the revisions with the changes as discussed. Kristi seconded the motion. All voted in favor to accept the changes. Anne will update the document with the final changes, and it will be emailed to the YSF Board and ILA for posting on the YSF webpage.
- c) Any area YS meetings, programs, or other educational opportunities that anyone would like to announce to the forum: School Library Journal's Day of Dialog will be on May 20 (<https://www.slj.com/?event=school-library-journal-day-of-dialog-2021>). Today was the last day for Early Bird registration for the ALA Virtual Conference on June 23-29. General registration is still open (<https://2021.alaannual.org/>). Niki mentioned her library is hosting Storytime Training with Mr. Jon on May 10 at 2:00-4:00 p.m. (<https://attend.gailborden.info/event/4913057>).

### 4) Upcoming Meetings:

- August 6, 2021, 10 – noon, via Zoom
- 1-2 weeks prior to the ILA Conference, TBD, via Zoom
- November 5, 2021, 10 – noon, TBD

Jen motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Niki seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.