

YS Forum Board Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Regular meeting: Via Zoom

Updated 4/15/22

Approved 11/4/2022

In Attendance:

15 Members in Attendance –

1. *Co-manager*- Jen Abler, Oak Lawn Public Library
2. *Co-manager*- Christy Kepler, Oswego Public Library District
3. Aimee Villet – Glen Carbon Library, iRead Liason
4. Ann Baillie, Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library (in-coming manager)
5. Beth McCloskey, Itasca Community Library
6. Brandi Smits, Orland Park Public Library
7. Kristi Miller – Westmont Public Library
8. Sarah Tattersall, Aurora Public Library (in-coming manager)
9. Tina Ruzsala, Palos Heights Public Library
10. Cyndi Robinson, Executive Director of ILA
11. Lisel Ulaszek, Sycamore Public Library
12. Monica Boyer – Aurora Public Library District – ILA Liason
13. Kelly Stultgate, St. Charles Public Library
14. Kristin Peskoll – ILA Liason
15. Jennifer Peterson – Indian Trails Public Library

Guests:

No Guests in Attendance

Not in Attendance:

1. Erica Hanke-Young, Six Mile Regional Library District, iRead Liaison
2. Gwen Harrison – Illinois State Library
3. Nicole Mills, Glenview Public Library
4. Niki Marabotti, Gail Borden Public Library
5. Jenny Westbrook-Krusza, Richton Park Library
6. Susan Schober – Glencoe Public Library (guest last time)

1) Welcome & Reports

- a) Introductions
- b) Forum buddies for new members – Sarah will be a buddy for Jennifer
- 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 – Aimee & Cyndi–
 - i) Awards – Nominations are due April 15th. Please nominate people. Grants and Awards – check out what is available on ILA site.

- ii) Reaching Forward –Friday, May 6, 2022. Registration is still open.
- iii) Co-managers are responsible for sending in the quarterly report. Christy and Jen will copy Ann and Sarah on the next one.
- i) YASF report – Nicole Mills – not in attendance. No report yet.
- j) iREAD report – Aimee – “*Find Your Voice*” is the theme for 2023. Aimee is leading the resource guide committee for 2024 - theme is “*Read, Renew, Repeat*” and if interested in being on that committee contact her. The iRead committee is looking for taglines to match the 2025 theme of puzzles and games. Email ideas to Aimee to pass along.
- k) Correspondence – none.

2) Old Business

- a) YSF Committee Reports:
 - i) **Awards Committee** –Kelly - chair, Kristi, Lisel, Ann, Brandi
 - a. Kelly - Had many nominations this year. Winners this year – Youth Services Librarian of the Year Award – Jess Alexander and The Youth Services Achievement Award – Mandy O’Brian
 - b. The Awards program is a separate registered event.
 - ii) **Author Breakfast Committee** – Youth Services Forum Author Breakfast Event is Wednesday, October 19 from 8-10 am
Beth – chair, Christy
 - a. Beth – Has started working on plans. Award sponsors will be invited by Kristin & Cyndi to attend. iRead is the general sponsor for the breakfast. Award Winners will be invited and Kristin and Cyndi and let them know they can bring a guest and how to sign up additional guests. Kelly will contact winners and ask for a small write up that can be put on handouts on the tables.
Beth will contact iRead contacts and coordinate the introductions with them. Speaker will be – author and illustrator, Angela Dominguez. Two of her many books - of Mango, Abuela and Me and Stella Diaz Has Something to Say.
 - iii) **Social Media & Marketing Committee** – Ann - chair; Sarah, Christy, Brandi, Tina, Nikki
 - a. Ann – The Soup social media account has been going well. Lots of job info postings lately. If anyone wants to have something posted, please let Ann or another committee member know.
 - iv) **Conference Booth Committee** – Beth – chair, Sarah, and Kristi.
 - a. Beth- has a spinning wheel for the booth at the ILA conference that has 12 prize slots. So far, we have the orange imprinted pens and we are looking for other donations for giveaways. Email Beth if you have something to donate. She will contact you to arrange how to drop those off if attending or how to mail to her.
Cyndi said we will be in the spot we had prior. Our booth will be across from the iRead booth.
 - v) **Battle of the Graphic Novels** - Brandi – chair; Christy, Jen
 - a. Brandi - showed the bracket plan and will share the excel sheet. She also showed an image she made with the book covers. This will be used on the Soup as we go along. A google form will likely be the way she will keep track of voting on the Soup. A September start date will be chosen. It will end on conference week. Brandi will prep a poster for the booth and will send over to Jen.

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.
Five YS Forum conference proposals were accepted:
- i) **IGNITE** – Thursday, October 20 from 3-4 pm
Kelly – currently looking for presenters for a presentation of 5 minutes or less. Please contact her.
 - ii) **Practical "Magic": Tips and Tricks from Youth Services Department Managers for All Youth Services Leaders** – Tuesday, October 18 from 4-5 pm
Kelly and Jen - Will have a panel of managers. They are still looking for panelists and are hoping to have representation from southern area libraries. Aimee may be able to join this panel.
 - iii) **Unconference** – Thursday, October 20 from 8-10 am
Nikki heading up but will be looking for YS Forum help. Sarah volunteered to help on this. Ann may be able to help Nikki get started and may be able to help that day too.
 - iv) **The Diversity of Auditing: Collections and Beyond** – Wed., October 19 from 9-10 am
Ann – and is working with another. They will add more participants on the panel if it is accepted.
 - v) **Crafting With a Cause: Leveraging Community Partnerships to Provide Meaningful Service Experiences for Tweens and Teens** – Tuesday, October 18 from 2:45- 3:45 pm
Beth and Kerri from Arlington Heights, and Kristi Working with Middle School volunteers. Have 5 people to present. Also received several ideas and are looking for more to add to handouts.
- b) Evaluation and Ys Forum Board interest sheets – Will have info at the booth instead of in the programs. Beth will create handout that we will have out at booth, Christy will come up with candy, and Kristi (with the Publicity committee) will come up with a QR code.
- c) We will have a YS Forum Meet and Greet style meeting. Cyndi will help us find a room and time. Beth will add this info to the handout.
- d) Participation in IYSI Conference – March 16-17, 2023 in Bloomington-Normal. Jen – Register early -It is limited to 225 participants. Social Networking event the night before.

4) Any area YS meetings, programs, or other educational opportunities that anyone would like to announce to the Forum:

- a) Beth - Prairie State Story League – next meeting is on September topic is fall. Doors open at 9:30 and meeting starts at 10 and lasts about 2 hours at Itasca Public Library– registration going on now. October 14 is at the Geneva Public Library and will feature Jim Gill as the speaker. It will be free but registration will be
- b) Tina - LACONI program upcoming. Two dates – same Space is limited
- c) Beth - EDI committee – RAILS
- d) Christy – ALSC – We Are ALSC Chat - Library Service to Children and Families in Underserved Communities: What the Research Says – Oct. 20 at 5 pm central. Free and is open to non-ALSC members.
- e) Jennifer – on ALSC programming committee. ALA annual is looking for submissions. The RAILS YS programming committee – meets on second Friday of the month. They are looking for someone to head up.

5) Upcoming Meetings:

At conference in October? Will email out if so with date & time
November 4, 2022 - zoom

Meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.