

YS Forum Board Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Regular meeting: Via Zoom

Updated 2/10/23

Approved 04/28/2023

In Attendance:

1. *Manager*- Ann Baillie, Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library
2. Aimee Villet – Glen Carbon Library, iRead Liason
3. Alice Mitchell – Fondulac District Library
4. Alissa Raschke-Janchenko – New Lenox Public Library District
5. Brandi Smits, Orland Park Public Library (*in-coming co-manager*)
6. Christy Kepler, Oswego Public Library District
7. Dana Fanslow – Fox River Grove Memorial Library (*in-coming co-manager*)
8. Jennifer Peterson – Indian Trails Public Library
9. Kristi Pierce- Marion Junior High School -new
10. Kristin Peskoll – ILA Staff Liason
11. Monica Boyer – Aurora Public Library District - ILA board Liason
12. Tom Kochinski - Oak Lawn Public Library-new

Not in Attendance:

1. Kelly Stultgate, St. Charles Public Library
2. Nicole Mills, Glenview Public Library
3. Jenny Westbrook-Krusza, Richton Park Library
4. Niki Marabotti, Gail Borden Public Library
5. Tina Ruzsala, Palos Heights Public Library
6. Steven Marshall – Plainfield Area Public Library

Guests:

1. None

Ending Service on the YS Forum Board:

1. Jen Abler, Oak Lawn Public Library
2. Lisel Ulaszek, Sycamore Public Library
3. Kristi Miller – Westmont Public Library

Thank you all for all the work you have done on the YS Forum Board!

1) Welcome & Reports

- a) Introductions/ welcome visitors, new members
- b) Forum buddies for new members
- c) Assign note taker - Christy
- d) Any corrections to the minutes from November 4, 2022. None.
- e) Approval of minutes from November 4, 2022 –approved.
- f) Additions or changes to agenda –none.
- g) Roster changes

- h) ILA Board report – Monica Boyer – Next ILA conference is October 24-26 in Springfield. IYSI is coming up March 16-17 in Bloomington, Normal. Great Keynote speaker this time – and Little Miss Ann will be performing.
- i) YASF report – Krista Hutley – not in attendance. No report. Brandi will reach out and see if they want to do the unconference with us again.
- j) iREAD report – Aimee Villet – “*Find Your Voice*” is the theme for 2023. The next iRead meeting is next week and Aimee will send out an email if there are any gaps to fill for the resource guide. Theme for 2025 was announced – “Level Up at Your Library.” This theme geared toward highlighting gaming, get better at something/learning new things, and self-improvement. Note! March 1 – is due date for iRead orders to be placed in order to get your things to you by May 1.
- k) Correspondence – none.

2) Old Business

- a) YSF Committee Reports:
 - i) **Awards Committee** –Brandi-chair, Jennifer, Kelly, Aimee, Alyssa – award nominations just opened up. Social media committee please post that nominations are open.
 - ii) **Author Breakfast Committee** – Niki-chair, Ann, Jenny W. - No new news.
 - iii) **Social Media & Marketing Committee** – *includes The Soup administration* –Christy-chair, Tina, Ann, Alice, Steven
 - a. Will post that award nominations are now open.
 - b. If anyone wants things posted try to give a 24 hour notice.
 - c. Christy would like to start a weekly Friday post fun post. Possibly highlighting favorite books, new books and fun storytime idea. She will email rest of committee to get this together and set a schedule.
 - iv) **Conference Booth Committee** – Dana-chair, Jennifer, Alissa
 - a. The committee would like to purchase a spinning wheel for YS Forum to own to use at booths at conferences and events.
 - b. There was discussion on benefits of owning the wheel.
 - c. Discussion was had on what we would do for prizes if budget goes toward the wheel. Many people volunteered to donate and we will use the leftover pens and other items. Candy will also be purchased with any remaining part of the budget.
 - d. Motion was passed to order a spinning wheel for YS Forum to use at conferences.
 - v) **Battle of the Graphic Novels** - Brandi – chair, Tom, Alice
Brandi gave an overview of first year and why we started of the Battle of the Graphic Novels. A second Battle of the Graphic Novels will start later this fall.
 - vi) **Listing Committee Chairs and terms on the roster**
Ann explained how other forums have the committee assignments on the roster. This makes it easy to see who to contact. Everyone approved adding this in to ours.

3) New Business

- a) Changes to Youth Services Forum Bylaws
 - i) Purpose of Changes: an ILA-wide approach to make it clearer and easier for new members to join and see what is expected of them
 - ii) Updated YSF Bylaws: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NTQ5B7a0rZJrXkSBYV5-bAJ-hkvGfbkJ06sn52OS60/edit>
 - iii) Updated Forum Year: July 1 – June 30
 - (1) To match with the rest of ILA

- (2) Individual Committees can start and end at different times
 - (3) Do we want to change when we agree on Co-Manager Elects to the April meeting? Everyone was in favor of choosing them at our April meeting.
- iv) Add procedure on what to do if we hit 30 members on the YS Forum Board. Discussion was had about adding a guideline for action we would do at the 30 board member point. Leaning toward having a wait list process. We will look at this again next meeting. Discussion led to the idea of inviting people to stop in the meetings if they are interested in what the committee does. Would need to have people register then be sent a link. Board was in favor of doing this.
- v) New ILA Forum Interest Form
 - (1) https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfW7SbdtAX35c0AOBIIULqNWHw6uTp0Cn0HLuPNadjDI_FsQ/viewform
 - (2) Will replace the YSF-only form
- vi) What does a Co-Manager do?
 - (1) Ann explained the general duties of a co-manager.
 - (2) Dana Fanslow will be a co-manager with Brandi and their term will start on July 1, 2023.
- b) Upcoming Events: Reaching Forward and Reaching Forward South and IYSI
 - i) **Reaching Forward South** – April 14, 2023, The Regency O’Fallon in O’Fallon - Reaching Forward South - Aimee is presenting there and can get a table there. Kristi Pierce may be attending too.
 - ii) **Reaching Forward North** – May 5, 2023 Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont - no one is currently planning on going. Booth at the events?
 - iii) **IYSI** - Alyssa, Jennifer P., and Christy are all going and will set up a booth/table.
- c) ILA 2023 Annual Conference
 - i) October 26-28 in Springfield at the BOS Center
 - ii) Program Proposal window will be open soon
 - iii) Ideas for Programs for the Conference
 - 1. Kelly – leading IGNITE session again
 - 2. Brandi will contact YASF to see about doing an unconference together again
 - 3. Kristin recommended contacting the Intellectual Freedom Committee to see about partnering on a program on how to deal with and staff support for challenges and stressful interactions with patrons. Aimee will do this.
 - 4. Working with schools/community groups – Dana will pursue this
 - 5. Monica will reach out and see if speaker of the “Creating a Balanced and Inclusive Collection for Spanish Speaking and Bilingual Patrons Collection”-program at the upcoming IYSI conference would want to present at ILA too.
 - 6. Jennifer P. - A program on working with unwanted behaviors from Elementary, Jr. High, High School patrons in the library.
 - 7. More conference program ideas? Bring to the next meeting!
- d) Ideas for any Noon Networks or *ILA Reporter* articles?
 - i) There was interest from a few board members on this but no specific ideas yet. Was especially appealing as a way to contribute if cannot attend conference to help with those programs.
- e) Nominations for ILA Awards Now Open
 - i) <https://www.ila.org/about/awards-and-scholarships>
 - ii) Closes May 15

- iii) YSF Sponsors two: Youth Services Achievement Award and Youth Services Librarian of the Year Award
- f) Any area YS meetings, programs, or other educational opportunities that anyone would like to announce to the Forum
 - i) IYSI Registration Open Now
 - ii) Kristin – The 3 Zoom Trainings for Library Trustee Board members are now open. Please pass along to your libraries.
 - iii) Board discussed plans and ideas on Summer Reading prizes at their libraries. Plans included – moved to no finishing prizes just entry for grand prize, t-shirts, tote bag, paperback book, weekly prizes instead of at end, use prize wheel with prizes to not have to buy larger quantities. To get books people use Scholastic packs and Book Depot and like-new books that are donated to Friends group and checking for sponsorship from local businesses.

4) Upcoming Meetings:

Next meetings : April 28, 2023 from 10:00- noon on zoom
August ?, 2023 – Brandi and Dana will choose next set of dates
October ?, 2023 at conference
November ?, 2023
February ?, 2024
April ?, 2024

Meeting adjourned at 11:51 am