

YS Forum Meeting Minutes

Arlington Heights Memorial Library

February 7, 2020 11:00 – 3:00 pm

Present: Amber Creger (Schaumburg), Ann Baillie (Alsip), Anne Kunzen (Huntley), Beth McCloskey (Itasca), Christy Kepler (Oswego), Cyndi Robinson (ILA), Ellen Fitzgerald (Naperville), Jen Abler (Oak Lawn), Jenny Westbrook-Krusza (Richton Park), Kelly Stulgate (St. Charles), Kerry Bailey (Arlington Heights), Lisel Ulaszek (Sycamore), Richard Izzo (Lincolnwood), Sarah Tattersall (Aurora)

I. Welcome and Reports

- a. Lunch Orders
- b. Introductions
- c. Forum buddies for new members
 - i. Jen is Ellen's buddy, Kerry is Rich's buddy, and Kelly is Sarah's buddy
- d. Assign note taker – Kerry
- e. Approval of minutes from November 22, 2019
- f. Any additions or changes to agenda
 - i. Check future dates for major conflicts
- g. ILA Board report (Amber)
 - i. ILA is financially healthy. They have a year's worth of operating budget in reserves allowing them to invest in membership. ILA Board will soon have mini grants available to support big ideas from forums and committees. The grants will range in amounts up to \$1500. More info coming soon.
 - ii. ALA has a financial issue that they are working on sorting out
 - iii. ALSC is moving to more virtual meetings so that more people can participate. Book Committees will not go virtual. Next year is the last mid-winter conference. The following year in San Antonio will be something different, more of a regional event.
 - iv. If you are interested in getting involved in ALSC, be sure to update your interests in your profile. Be specific.
- h. YASF report
 - i. Joe Marcantonio, Iza Gronski, and Lisa Barefield are the new YASF board managers. They also have four board members.
 - ii. First professional development seminar coming up on 2/13
- i. iREAD report
 - i. iRead guide submissions needed, due by 2.29. See Christy's email for more information.
- j. Correspondence - none
- k. IYSI – March 16/17, 2021 in Normal. Jen is on the planning committee. The theme will be around storytelling and diversity.

II. Old Business

- a. Check YS Forum Board Roster information
- b. Planning for 2020 ILA Conference: *Many Libraries, One State -- We Are ILA*
 - i. Author Breakfast – Beth and Jenny – no updates

1. Beth and Lisel please email Jenny any information you have from last year. Nothing needs to be done until September. Children's World will continue their sponsorship.
- ii. Awards – chair: Anne (Christy, Lisel, Tina, Kristi on committee) – Anne already posted a call for nominations on the Soup. Encourage your coworkers to nominate. YSF board cannot nominate or be nominated.
 1. Discussion of renaming Davis Cup to indicate that it is for the Youth Librarian of the year. The Young Adult librarian of the year is in memory of Sharon Ball but the name more clearly reflects the award.
 2. Discussion of changing the way we present the Golden Ticket Award. Should it be specified that it is for associates? How can we broaden the scope so we get a wider range of nominees?
- iii. Stories & Spirits – Ann and Heidi
 1. Stories and Spirits will be on Tuesday night, right after session end. State Library reception will start later and last longer so people can do both.
 2. Replacement event for pub stroll is still in development. Cyndi will keep us posted. Likelihood of trivia night.
- iv. Pre Conference Committee: Jen and Anne
 1. Discussion of a half day Lincoln sites tour. Cyndi will reach out to convention and visitors bureau.
- v. Marketing and Promotions – chair: Christy (Brandi, Kerry, Kelly, and Ellen on committee)
 1. Christy would like to revamp our handout. Kerry will make a schedule for posting to the Soup.
- vi. Booth Committee – Heidi and Beth
 1. Heidi submitted Reaching Forward booth request. Jen might be able to staff Reaching Forward booth. Beth may staff the booth if Jen cannot.
- c. iREAD Program Guide Submissions – Christy
 - i. If you send in 5 ideas, you get a patch. See Christy's email. Deadline is 2/29.
- d. New Workshops/Fieldtrips
 - i. Reaching Forward – May 1, 2020 – Donald E. Stephens Convention Center
- e. Any area YS meetings, programs or other educational opportunities that anyone would like to announce to forum.
 - i. Prairie Story league – Jim Gill concert open to all. Details TBD.

III. **New Business**

- a. Ideas for engaging YSF members
 - i. Yearly email update to members
 - ii. Meeting dates on Soup Facebook page, share the link to minutes
 - iii. Facebook live meetings?
 - iv. Annual Members meeting?
 - v. Include more details on our handout
- b. Possible New YSF Board Committee – ILA Strategic Plan
 - i. Tabled for April. Kerry/Kelly will email a reminder before April to start the conversation
- c. 2020 ILA Conference program ideas – October 20-22, 2020 Springfield. March 16 deadline.
 - i. Good customer service - Ryan Dowd
 1. Presented too recently to have him back

- ii. **Authentic Leadership** (Kristi Miller)
 - 1. Anyone can be a leader at any level
- iii. **Dear Youth Librarian** (Lisel Ulaszek)
 - 1. YASF sponsored Dear Teen Librarian. Lisel will reach out to find out more from YASF. Suggestion to make services to people with disabilities a topic.
- iv. **How To Get Involved** (Jen Abler and Heather Beverly)
 - 1. Representatives from SNAILS, YALSA, YSF, YASF, etc. staff tables. Email Jen if you have other ideas for organizations.
- v. **Personalization** (Kristi)
 - 1. Business trends to try in libraries. Targeted recommendations. Book a librarian or personalized reader's advisory.
- vi. **Empowered Staff** (Kristi)
 - 1. Empower staff to solve patron issues without calling a manager. Similar presentation at last conference.
- vii. **Maximize Efficiency in Program Planning** (Kristi Miller)
 - 1. Using what you have to plan programs, programming across age groups, program evaluation
- viii. **Baby Programs** (Christy Kepler)
 - 1. Year's worth of drop ins for babies
- ix. **Unconference** (Kerry Bailey, Kelly Stulgate, YASF)
 - 1. YASF submitting. Kelly and Kerry co-presenting with them. Suggestion to include disability services as a topic and include moderators at each station.
- x. **Youth Services Ignite** (Ellen Fitzgerald will submit)
 - 1. ILA will funnel youth ignite submissions to us
- xi. **Program Focused on EDI** (Heidi Knuth coordinate?)
 - 1. Continuation of storytimes for social change, also focus on programming. Kelly will ask Heidi to contact/coordinate with last year's presenters (Emily C. and Nicole).
- xii. **Family Feud** (Jen Abler and Anne Kunzen)
 - 1. Rich offered to compile answers.
- xiii. **Homeschool Programs and Services** (Jenny Westbrook-Krusza)
- xiv. **STEAM Programs** (Jenny Westbrook-Krusza)
 - 1. South suburban libraries joined together to offer monthly STEAM programs
- xv. **Services to People with Disabilities** – Ellen Fitzgerald sharing with SNAILS
 - 1. Naperville provides supported field trips with sensory storytime classroom kits visiting groups/schools who are providing services. Infiniteach tablet – Sensory NPL
- xvi. **Language Storytimes in Multilanguage communities** (Ellen Fitzgerald)

IV. Upcoming Meetings:

- a. April 24, 2020 – 95th St. branch of Naperville Public Library
- b. August 7, 2020 – Arlington Heights Memorial Library
- c. October 2020 – at conference
 - i. No known conflicts with upcoming meeting dates. Dates will remain as is.