

YS Forum Board Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Regular meeting: Via Zoom

Updated 11/7/22

Approved ?/?/2023

In Attendance:

1. *Co-manager*- Ann Baillie, Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library (in-coming manager)
2. Aimee Villet – Glen Carbon Library, iRead Liason
3. Alice Mitchell – Fondulac District Library
4. Alissa Raschke-Janchenko – New Lenox Public Library District
5. Beth McCloskey, Itasca Community Library
6. Brandi Smits, Orland Park Public Library
7. Christy Kepler, Oswego Public Library District
8. Dana Fanslow – Fox River Grove Memorial Library
9. Jennifer Peterson – Indian Trails Public Library
10. Kelly Stultgate, St. Charles Public Library
11. Kristi Miller – Westmont Public Library
12. Kristin Peskoll – ILA Liason
13. Niki Marabotti, Gail Borden Public Library
14. Tina Ruzsala, Palos Heights Public Library
15. Steven Marshall – Plainfield Area Public Library

Not in Attendance:

1. Jen Abler, Oak Lawn Public Library
2. Lisel Ulaszek, Sycamore Public Library
3. Monica Boyer – Aurora Public Library District – ILA Liason
4. Erica Hanke-Young, Six Mile Regional Library District, iRead Liaison
5. Nicole Mills, Glenview Public Library
6. Jenny Westbrook-Krusza, Richton Park Library

Guests:

1. Maddy Belk – Winnetka-Northfield Public Library - Not able to make this meeting but looking to join next one

Ending Service on the YS Forum Board:

1. *Co-manager*- Sarah Tattersall, Aurora Public Library
2. Beth McCloskey, Itasca Community Library

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

1) Welcome & Reports

- a) Introductions
- b) Forum buddies for new members
- c) Assign note taker - Christy
- d) Any corrections to the minutes from August 19, 2022. Date at beginning changed to August 19.
- e) Approval of minutes from August 19, 2022 –approved with date corrected.
- f) Additions or changes to agenda –none.
- g) Roster changes – Please email changes to Ann.
- h) ILA Board report – Monica – Not in attendance. No report.

- i) YASF report – Nicole Mills – not in attendance. No report.
- j) iREAD report – Aimee – “*Find Your Voice*” is the theme for 2023. There are lots of ways to use the theme and get your community involved. Check out the resource guide.
Aimee 2024 - theme is “*Read, Renew, Repeat.*” Looking for ideas for the resource guide especially for the children age group. Email ideas to Aimee to pass along. Ann will post call for ideas on the SOUP.
- k) Correspondence – none.

2) Old Business

- a) YSF Committee Reports:
 - i) **Awards Committee** – Kelly - Event went very well.
 - ii) **Author Breakfast Committee** – Beth – Event went very well.
 - iii) **Social Media & Marketing Committee** – Ann – The Soup social media account has been going well. Recently posting about - Last day to submit for IYSI. Registration will start in January.
 - iv) **Conference Booth Committee** – Beth – Went well. We were short-handed with Sarah being out and still had some empty spots but, people filled in and all was covered in the end. Spinning Wheel was really popular. The mosaic picture from iRead was also popular. Booth was a little crowded with so many handouts. ILA gave us a second table to use.
 - v) **Battle of the Graphic Novels** - Brandi – Went well for the first time. Winner was *Garlic and the Vampire* by Bree Paulsen. Had about 12-15 votes each week. ILA posted it on their weekly blast. We also advertised on the SOUP. Might want to expand voting posts next year to include more people. Right now it is limited to YS Library staff with the main posts on the SOUP. Next year we might want to post more places.

3) New Business

- a) ILA Conference
 - i) **IGNITE** – Kelly – Went well. Had 6 presentations in all. There was a good variety of topics. The Dungeons & Dragons presentation was especially popular. Had about 70 attendees.
 - ii) **Practical “Magic”: Tips and Tricks from Youth Services Department Managers for All Youth Services Leaders** – Kelly & Christy – There were lots of positive comments on the paper evaluations we handed out. One comment mentioned that they would have liked more time for open discussion. There were about 55 attendees.
 - iii) **Unconference** – Niki – Went well. There was lots of great discussion and topics. YASF had brought books for a giveaway and that was well received. Some people stayed and talked longer. About 40 people attended.
 - iv) **The Diversity of Auditing: Collections and Beyond** – Ann – went well. The schedule ran a little tight because of so much information in the presentation. Had some great questions at the end.
 - v) **Crafting With a Cause: Leveraging Community Partnerships to Provide Meaningful Service Experiences for Tweens and Teens** – Beth and Kristi – Program went very well. Had a great panel that included several first-conference attendees. Kristi pointed out to anyone who hasn’t presented or led a program that it isn’t impossible and don’t need to travel. Nearly all planning and prep can be done via email and zoom.
 - vi) **Discussion about cost of presenting and attending conference** – Aimee asked if conference fees could be waived for those who are presenting. Lately, libraries have less funds and staff for sending people to present at conferences. Jennifer P. agreed. Kristi mentioned that perhaps the option to have hybrid options for presenting may need to happen. That would allow some presenters to present via zoom if they cannot come in person. Kristin said that if ILA discounts fees for all the presentors

that the cost would go up for those only attending. Ann said she will email our ILA liason, Monica, to express these ideas and requests.

vii) **Discussion about online evaluations from ILA for the conference –**

Beth asked about why the evaluation feedback that ILA sent for her program did not have specific information for that program on it. Kristin said that there were limited ways to set it up on the app. She did not know that the program name information wouldn't follow the responses when they were compiled. Kristin will be setting up the app differently next conference. She also mentioned that ILA would find more ways to promote to fill out the evaluation before people left the conference to increase the amount completed. Ann brought up that the paper YS Forum evaluations could maybe have a QR code on them to link attendees at the programs to the evaluation. This would give people time to do it and not worry about rushing to the next session.

b) Future Leadership

If you would like to join one of the committees or need to edit or confirm what you volunteered for, please email Ann.

i) New Co-Manager for this year 2022-23 –

(1) Sarah needed to resign from YS Forum Board. Ann is looking for a new co-manager. Jennifer P. and Kelly are thinking and checking into taking this on. They will email Ann.

ii) Co-Managers for next year 2023-24 –

(1) Brandi is interested and will need to confirm. Jennifer P. also is interested and needs to get back on this.

iii) Awards Committee

(1) Chair – Brandi
(2) Members – Kristi, Jennifer, Kelly, Aimee

iv) Social Media Committee

(1) Chair – Christy
(2) Members – Tina, Ann, Alice, Steven

v) Author Breakfast Committee

(1) Chair – Niki
(2) Members – Ann, Jenny W.

vi) Conference Booth Committee

(1) Chair – Dana
(2) Members – Jennifer, Alissa

vii) Battle of the Books

(1) Chair – Brandi
(2) Members – Jen A.

c) Roster Updates

i) Please look over and email Ann with updates and changes.

ii) Beth announced she will be leaving the Forum Board.

d) IYSI

i) March 16-17, 2023 in Bloomington-Normal. Registration opens in January. It is limited to 225 participants. Social Networking event the night before.

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

i) Beth - Prairie State Story League – next meeting is on November topic is winter. Doors open at 9:30 and meeting starts at 10 and lasts about 2 hours at the Elmhurst Public Library– registration going on now. The dates in winter will be via zoom.

f) Tina - LACONI program – Day of DEI will be held at the Fountaindale Public Library on November 11. Lunch is included. Registration is going on now.

g) Aimee - SWAYS performer showcase on Nov. 5 from 10-1:30 pm. Will post on the SOUP.

- h) Kristin – Reaching Forward is on May 5 and Reaching Forward South is on April 14. There is a performer showcase at both of those. If anyone has performers they would like to see at one of these showcases, please email their contact information to Kristin.
- i) Jennifer – Harvest of Resources by LACONI – is it still in existence? Tina- It is being brought back and she thinks the goal is to have it out in spring.

4) Upcoming Meetings:

Next Meeting: February 10, 2022 – 10 am – noon via zoom

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.