**YS Forum Meeting Minutes  
August 16, 2019  
St. Charles Public Library**

**Minutes: Tina Ruszala**

Present: Lisel Ulaszek (Geneva) Tina Ruszala (Palos Heights) Kerry Bailey (Arlington Heights) Heidi Knuth (Bloomingdale) Anne Kunzen (Huntley) Beth McCloskey (Itasca) Kelly Stulgate (St. Charles) Jen Abler (Oak Lawn) Christy Kepler (Oswego) Ellen Norton (Naperville) Amber Creger (Schaumburg, Board Liaison) and Cynthia Robinson

1. **Welcome & Reports**
2. Lunch Orders

We ordered from Riverside Pizza and Pub!

1. Introductions
2. Forum Buddies
3. Note Taker—Tina
4. Approval of Minutes from May 10, 2019
5. Additions or Changes to Agenda – none
6. ILA Board Report—Amber Creger is our new Board Liaison.
   1. ILA Code of Conduct - A reporting system for issues is also being determined and it will be a third party system. ILA board and staff are being trained in September.
   2. Look at ILA’s Strategic Plan and try to figure out how to incorporate goals from it into the YS Forum’s workflow. The strategic plan can be found on the ILA website under the “about” tab.
   3. Cyndi will set up a Google group for the YS Forum.
   4. Reaching Forward will be accepting proposals for the 2020 conference until October 18th.
7. YASF Report—Lisa reported that we have 13 topics for the Unconference portion. The link for topics will be included in ILA’s Alert email.
8. iREAD Report—The committee meets again on September 6th.
   1. Portia will be the lead next year. [platalla@chipublic.org](mailto:platalla@chipublic.org)
   2. Christy reported that sales on toys went down.
   3. 2020: Dig Deeper: Read, Investigate, Discover!
   4. 2021: Reading Colors Your World
   5. Possible themes for 2022 include camp, myths, and superheroes.
9. Correspondence—None received. Kerry put together a basket for Kim.
10. **Business**
    1. Check roster information – add Ellen Fitzgerald
    2. Planning for 2019 ILA Conference: *Shift: Where Will You Grow?*
       1. Breakfast (Lisel and Beth)
       2. Stories and Spirits (Kim and Kerry, Anne will help) – Rob will sponsor
       3. Awards (chair: Anne, committee: Jen, Christy, Heidi, Kerry) Davis Cup Award: Heather McCammond-Watts (Glen Ellyn Public Library) Golden Ticket Award: Natalie Williams (Indian Prairie Public Library District, Darien)
          1. Each person will get 5 minutes to speak.
          2. Tamara Jenkins is taking over awards.
          3. Davis Cup is being sponsored by Abdo and the Golden Ticket is being sponsored by Brainfuse.
       4. Pub Stroll (Tina and Heidi)
          1. Joy and Kathy Parker organized a date in early September to talk with the bars. Baird is our sponsor this year.
       5. YS Forum Exhibit Hall Table- Several board members will donate ARCs and we’ll offer the sucker tree again. Lisel & Tina will send out a sign-up to forum members closer to conference. Cyndi has confirmed that the forum’s table will be across from iREAD this year. #117
          1. The booths are completely sold out, so we may get bumped to the corner. Cyndi will let us know.
          2. We can set up on Tuesday at any time. The exhibit hall is open on Wednesday from 12-5 and Thursday from 9-2.
       6. The Soup –We may have another raffle for $10 Panera gift card.
          1. We now have 280 members on Facebook!
    3. Post cards to new YS Forum members (Kerry)
    4. Accepted 2019 ILA Conference Programs—Oct. 22-24, 2019 in Tinley Park. Christy has the evaluations for conference. Send her any suggestions for revisions. Everyone who is presenting will print out their own to handout.
       1. Developing Kits for Youth Services – There are five speakers.
       2. Ignite – Ellen will reach out to all possible presenters.
       3. Growing Storytimes – Presenters are onboard. Heidi is the liaison.
       4. Unconference-With YASF – Still gathering data on topics.
    5. Any area YS meetings, programs, or other educational opportunities that anyone would like to announce to the forum
       1. Prairie State Story League – Beth will send out an email for the next meeting.
       2. LACONI – DuPage Children’s Museum on Friday, September 27th from 9-4pm, $30

**Next Meeting:**

October 2019 – conference, Pub Stroll

**Kerry selected possible meeting dates:**

November 22

February 7

April 24

August 7