**YS Forum Meeting Minutes  
May 10, 2019  
Geneva Public Library**

**Minutes: Tina Ruszala**

Present: Lisel Ulaszek (Geneva) Tina Ruszala (Palos Heights) Ann Baillie (Alsip-Merrionette Park) Kerry Bailey (Arlington Heights) Heidi Knuth (Bloomingdale) Anne Kunzen (Huntley) Beth McCloskey (Itasca) Kelly Stulgate (St. Charles) Jen Abler (Oak Lawn) Christy Kepler (Oswego) Jessica Rodrigues (Chicago Heights)

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

We ordered from Nosh!

1. Introductions—Welcome Jessica Rodrigues from Steger-South Chicago Heights.
2. Forum Buddies—Tina will be buddies with Jessica.
3. Note Taker—Tina
4. Approval of Minutes from February 1, 2019
5. Additions or Changes to Agenda – none
6. ILA Board Report—No report from Leander
7. YASF Report—The Unconference proposal was accepted. Also included in the proposal was the request that no YSF or YASF sponsored programs be in the same time slot. Kelly will be the liason.
8. iREAD Report—Christy has been working with iREAD on the guide for 2020’s theme of Dig Deeper. This year’s author/illustrator is Andrea Beatty. Christy hopes to attend the next iREAD meeting in July and report information at our August meeting.
9. Correspondence—None received.
10. **Old Business**
    1. Check roster information – No changes. Will add Jessica Rodrigues to our email list.
    2. New Workshops/Field Trips
       1. IYSI – Jen has joined the planning committee. Next conference is 2021.
       2. Reaching Forward was successful with over 1,000 in attendance. Heidi suggests trying to have someone staff the table next year.
       3. LACONI – Tina has joined the YS board.
       4. TOYS – Meeting at Fountaindale on May 22nd.
       5. LELA – Meeting at St. Charles in August.
    3. Planning for 2019 ILA Conference: *Shift: Where Will You Grow?*
       1. Breakfast (Lisel and Beth) – Anne shared her checklist with Lisel and Beth and they will be in contact with iREAD.
       2. Stories and Spirits (Kim and Kerry, Anne will help) – Is Rob retiring?
       3. Awards (chair: Anne, committee: Jen, Christy, Heidi, Kerry) – Nominations are due by May 15th. So far, there is one nomination for the Davis Cup and three for the Golden Ticket.
       4. Pub Stroll (Tina and Heidi) – Nothing to report yet.
       5. YS Forum Exhibit Hall Table-We will do this again. ARCS were a big hit at the table, we will do that as well. 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
       6. The Soup – Anne reminded the forum that all are welcome to share links of all meetings, workshops, and field trips on The Soup. We are up to 275 people. We may have another raffle for $10 Panera gift card.
    4. Post cards to new YS Forum members (Kerry) – Nothing to report.
11. **New Business**
    1. Accepted 2019 ILA Conference Programs—Oct. 22-24, 2019 in Tinley Park
       1. Developing Kits for Youth Services-Looking at all types of circulating kits.
       2. Ignite-Ellen will moderate. Lisel and Heidi will both present. Kerry will give a presentation on middle grade booktalks. Ellen will seek out a few more presenters. Maybe Katie Claussen from Gail Borden booktalking picture books again?
       3. Growing Storytimes-Social Justice and Diversity in Storytimes. Heidi will write something up. Emily from St. Charles will help. Nicole from Naperville’s 95th Street Library may also help, Ellen will confirm and connect her if so.
       4. Unconference-With YASF. Lisel will contact YASF to clarify some of our questions. Lisel has sent out the Google link asking for topic suggestions. Please submit topics if you can and share the link with any youth or teen services colleagues that would potentially be attending ILA. Tina already shared this link on The Soup. The more input/information we have, the better.

**Next Meetings:**

August 16, 2019 at St. Charles Public Library

October 2019 at conference