**YS Forum Meeting Minutes**

November 22, 2019

Itasca Community Library

Present: Kerry Bailey (Arlington Heights), Kelly Stulgate (St. Charles), Heidi Knuth (Bloomingdale), Brandi Smits (Orland Park), Cyndi Robinson (ILA), Jen Abler (Oak Lawn), Christy Kepler (Oswego), Beth McCloskey (Itasca), Lisel Ulaszek (Sycamore), Kristi Miller (Westmont), Anne Baillie (Alsip), and Jenny Westbrook (Richton Park).

1. **Welcome and Reports**
	1. Lunch Orders—Order placed with Marino’s Pizza in Wood Dale.
	2. Introductions—Around the table: Kerry Bailey, Kelly Stulgate, Heidi Knuth, Brandi Smits, Cyndi Robinson, Jen Abler, Christy Kepler, Beth McCloskey, Lisel Ulaszek, Kristi Miller, Ann Baillie, and Jenny Westbrook attending virtually.
	3. Forum buddies for new members: Lisel for Kristi Miller and Beth for Brandi Smits.
	4. Assign note taker: Kelly!
	5. Approval of minutes from ***August 16, 2019:*** Lisel motioned, Jen seconded, approved.
	6. Any additions or changes to agenda—none
	7. ILA Board report from Amber Creger our ILA Board liaison: None. Cyndi updated us: 2 new forums created—Students and New Professionals (SNAP) and Small and Rural Libraries (SARL).
	8. YASF report: No report from them. Unconference—Lisel will cover.
	9. iREAD report none from Portia, but Brandi updated us: Dig Deeper positively received at CA conference. Looking for submissions for resource guide. Christy is heading this up and submissions are due Feb 29. The committee is working on a tagline for the camping summer reading theme and there has been some concerns with Off the Beaten Camp for 2022. Incentives for 2021 and Artists for 2022 were discussed. Jen asked for more ecofriendly items. Jen brought up CSLP issues re Native American poster art. CA.. Discussion on programming ideas as IRead expands into other states. Alaska, Minnesota, and the DOD are members of IRead. Questions about posters from Beth.
	10. Correspondence: None
2. **Old Business**
	1. Check YS Forum Board Roster information—Kerry will send around.
	2. 2019 ILA Conference: *Shift: Where Will You Grow?* Cyndi’s broad overview: In general, feedback was very positive. Biggest negative was rooms were small and space was an issue. Discussion on location and attendance—there were 1600 attendees this year. Higher in Tinley this time than last time Tinley hosted. Estimating 1200 for Springfield. People want interactive sessions. Unconference were very popular. Eugenia was the most popular, she was the superstar of the conference.
		1. Breakfast – Lisel & Beth: Food good, speaker engaging, she didn’t do Q&A. Lisel and Beth still felt it went well. Andrea Beatty was discussed and also next year’s author.
		2. Stories & Spirits – Kerry and Kelly: went well. Trivia was popular, especially in that format. Food was good. Only negative comment: Not enough hot vegetarian food. Discussion of food signage.
		3. Awards – chair: Anne (Jen, Christy, Heidi, Kerry, committee) Anne was great pick to head up the committee. Surprised at how people many sent in nominations. Record number across the board, according to Cyndi. Suggest renominating people. Over this year, ILA will be talking to each group who has awards and receives nominations for a streamlined approach. 2020 will stay the same.
		4. Y.S. Forum Pub Stroll Event – Tina & Heidi: Think it went well.Cyndi said: Changes to Pub Stroll. Sponsors pulled out. This year, we only had 2. Last year, 6. 2020: Tuesday night reception at State Library TBD, followed by ghost tour. Wednesday would be a few different events—Trivia, Bingo were discussed as options. Stories&Spirits date change was discussed—move to Wednesday? Discussion ensued.
		5. YS Forum Table: Beth was last one at table. We should do more suckers. Should we do a wheel? Prizes were talked about for the wheel. Suggestion: table chair. We all liked that.
		6. ILA Conference Programs sponsored by YS Forum
			1. Youth Services Unconference – Lisel: As Cyndi said, went well. 33, ya, 42 ys, 7 adult. Suggestions: Table topic signage. Overall most everyone said they would attend another. Other comments about room being hot, larger room, breakouts too long. Quite a few suggestion topics.
			2. Youth Services Ignite – Ellen C. and Kerry: More Ignite sessions will be offered. Cyndi talked about how most programs pitched by YSF are accepted. Discussion of more ignite sessions, booksellers, other ideas. Kerry brought up the respondents. Jen brought up Museum Hack when we discussed noise level.
			3. Storytimes for Social Change – Heidi (liaison): 25 responses. Only negative was more time for Q&A needed. Very good program and information.
			4. Creating Youth Kit Collections – Lisel: Well organized, 75-80 people attended. Beyondplay.com is source for kits. Good amount of Q&A. About half completed surveys.
		7. The SOUP: Jen we got new members. Especially during conference. Is Ellen still an administrator? Explanation of what Soup is. Questions about how active it is. How much people post? Brandi brought up a What You’re Reading post. We discussed who should be administrators.
		8. Other thoughts on conference: Cyndi thank you! Cyndi said it takes a lot of hands to make it happen.
	3. Post cards to new YS Forum members – Kerry
	4. Any area YS meetings, programs or other educational opportunities that anyone would like to announce to forum. Break for lunch.
3. **New Business**
	1. Fill New Positions: Kerry read job descriptions. Heidi asked about adding Booth Chair/Committee or Table Chair. Jen added that the Booth Chair/Committtee chair should organize attendance at ILA conferences. Kerry began writing up a description for the position.
		1. Election of 2020-21 Co-Managers for November 2020 – October 2021 Anne volunteered. Lisel nominated Beth. Heidi seconded. Anne and Beth will begin in 2020. Cyndi talked about ILA training for committees and forums—Thursday, July 16, in East Peoria.
		2. Awards Committee— Anne will remain chair. Christy, Lisel, Tina R, Kristie
		3. Author Breakfast Committee— Beth volunteered to do it again and Jenny volunteered.
		4. Stories and Spirits— Ann and Heidi volunteered
		5. Pub Stroll ? not sure what will happen with this
		6. Pre Conference Committee: Afternoon event bus tour –Jen and Anne chairing
		7. Continuing Ed Committee: Discussion of how we could do it. We have no money. Ideas were discussed.
		8. Marketing and Promotions: Christy will chair and Brandi will be on it. Kerry and Kelly will also assist.Talking points?
		9. Booth Committee—Heidi and Beth volunteered. Beth showed off her dry erase wheel.
	2. 2020 ILA Conference program ideas – October 20-22, 2020 Springfield
4. **Upcoming Meetings:**
	1. February 7, 2020 – Arlington Heights Memorial Library
	2. April 24, 2020 – 95th St. branch of Naperville Public Library
	3. August 7, 2020 – Arlington Heights Memorial Library
	4. October 2020 – at conference
	5. November ?, 2020–

Discussion of Programs went to a discussion of the YSF Board and just being a member. To serve on board you must be a personal member of ILA. Discussion of the structure of the YSF. How can we be more inclusive? How can we get members to participate? The ILA strategic plan was discussed. Delivery of member value. Diversity and inclusion. As a reminder for next meeting, come with one idea for structure and how to make members more engaged and active.

ILA bio was discussed. Log in to account to create it. More discussion on forum and its structure, board, members. We will piggyback with ILA buddy system, work on our own strategic plan

Program Ideas:

1. Programming on a budget
2. Dear Librarian presented like an Unconference