

## YS Forum Board Meeting Minutes

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

Regular meeting: Via Zoom

Approved 4/1/2022

### **In Attendance**

#### 16 Members in Attendance –

*Co-manager*- Jen Abler, Oak Lawn Public Library

*Co-manager*- Christy Kepler, Oswego Public Library District

Ann Baillie, Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library

Beth McCloskey, Itasca Community Library

Brandi Smits, Orland Park Public Library

Jenny Westbrook-Krusza, Richton Park Library

Kelly Stultgate, St. Charles Public Library

Kristi Miller – Westmont Public Library

Lisel Ulaszek, Sycamore Public Library

Nicole Mills, Glenview Public Library

Niki Marabotti, Gail Borden Public Library

Sarah Tattersall, Aurora Public Library

Tina Ruzsala, Palos Heights Public Library

Gwen Harrison – Illinois State Library

Cyndi Robinson, ILA Liaison

Amber Creger, ILA Liaison

### **Guests:**

#### 1 Guest in Attendance –

Jennifer Peterson, Indian Trails Public Library

### **Not in Attendance**

Richard Izzo, Lincolnwood Public Library – *has resigned from committee due to job change*

Erica Hanke-Young, Six Mile Regional Library District, iRead Liaison

Anne Kunzen, Huntley Area Public Library - *has resigned from committee due to job change*

### **1) Welcome & Reports**

- a) Introductions
- b) Forum buddies for new members – no new members
- c) Assign note taker - Christy
- d) Any corrections to the minutes from August 20, 2021 – no corrections
- e) Approval of minutes from November 5, 2021 –approved with one correction to roster list.
- f) Additions or changes to agenda – add in booth committee and look at the meetings dates to confirm April's date.

- g) Roster additions – Christy will email an updated roster and check in with those not in attendance.
- h) ILA Board report - Amber–
  - i) Awards – Nominations! Please nominate people – Don’t just limit yourself to the two awards YSF sponsors.
  - ii) Call for program proposals for the fall conference - Theme is “At the Heart of It” and will be October 18-20, 2022 at the Donald E. Stevens Convention Center, Rosemont. The focus will be on caring for and supporting the library staff.
  - iii) Grants and Awards – check out what is available.
- i) YASF report – Nicole Mills – shared a professional development link
- j) iREAD report - Brandi – February 28 – Find Your Voice is the theme-need submissions! Send in please.  
Send email to ILA office at ILA.org to get a free download for the resource guide for the 2022 Read Beyond the Beaten Path.
- k) Correspondence – none.

## 2) Old Business

- a) YSF Committee Reports:
  - i) **Awards Committee** –Kelly - chair; Kristi, Lisel, Ann, Brandi
    - a. Jen for the Awards Committee and asked again for people to nominate.
  - ii) **Author Breakfast Committee** –aka Youth Services Key Note Speaker – Beth will chair and Christy will join her.
  - iii) **Stories & Spirits** – will not host it for fall of 2022. May want a social event at future conferences. Noted that if we redo or bring back Stories & Spirits we would want to do yearly and not jump around to keep steady sponsorship.
  - iv) **Social Media & Marketing Committee** (includes Soup administration) – Ann - chair; Sarah, Christy, Brandi, Tina, and Nikki committee
    - a. Ann - Soup been going well. Will get posts for the Awards and iRead submissions.
  - v) **Conference Booth Committee** – Beth – chair, Sarah, and Kristi.
    - a. Beth - Got clarification on booth times. Beth asked about using the wheel. Was voted to save this until ILA. Beth will get candy for Reaching Forward – will use about \$30. Marketing committee will look into getting more promotional items for the fall from the remainder of this budget year.
    - b. Tablecloth – not sure where it is. Beth will check with Heidi.
    - c. YS Forum Handout for booth – Christy will email latest version to Beth.
- b) 2022 ILA Conference Program ideas – October 18-20, 2022 – Donald E. Stevens Convention Center, Rosemont
  - i) Google Document for program ideas – can discuss and log ideas here.  
[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1LSBwl6CvP99\\_8zDzQIYfBAO2y3dpzJ15FZmkFHLbAPQ/edit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1LSBwl6CvP99_8zDzQIYfBAO2y3dpzJ15FZmkFHLbAPQ/edit#gid=0)
- c) Battle of the Books – Graphic Novel Project – Brandi – shared a link for the Graphic Novel Battle of the Books list that she has done so far.
  - i) Brandi will make a list from the Best of List and have YS Forum vote for their favorites by March 1.
  - ii) List of 32 – We will start with the Best of Graphic Novels List from the new Graphic Novels & Comics Round Table’s Best Graphic Novels for Children 2021 List

- iii) Committee formed – Brandi chair, Christy, Jen

### 3) New Business

- a) ILA Conference proposals due April 4. Conference Program Ideas so far:
  - i) IGNITE – Kelly
  - ii) Practical Magic for YS Managers – program update/repeat of this one – Kelly, Jen A.
  - iii) 2022 Game Show – canceled – (Anne K., Christy, Jenny)
  - iv) Unconference – Nikki working with YA Forum on this
- b) New ILA Conference Program Ideas
  - i) **Story time Ideas** - Programs that attendees walk away with handouts and info that are ready-to-go story times. Include diversity, native peoples, and own voices.
  - ii) **Volunteer Help** – middle schooler age especially – suggestions and help with what to do or how to structure. Possibly a program expanded from an idea that Beth and Kerri from Arlington Heights had at another conference. Kristi had some ideas like this at their library too. Ann will post on the Soup to gather some more in ideas that go along with the idea of having the volunteers craft/create things for community organizations.
  - iii) **EDI Program**- Sarah spoke on EDI audit on their programs. Ann spoke on how she is doing and EDI audit of their collection. Together they will create a panel on EDI projects.
- c) Participation in IYSI Conference – March 2023
  - i) Jen spoke about the planning that underway. Amber added that it is more than just the Forums that put this together – ILA, LACONI - all team up on this one.
- d) ILA Forum Open House – February 25 from noon-2pm – Jen A. , Christy
  - i) First one. Registration is on the ILA site – free to attend. Jen and Christy will be attending a planning info session on Tuesday, Feb. 8.
- e) Any area YS meetings, programs, or other educational opportunities that anyone would like to announce to the Forum:
  - i) Info People are presenting “We Are Not Okay.”
  - ii) Prairie State Story League – next week is on food themed story times.
  - iii) LACONI – Summer Reading workshop in March and a YS ethics in April.

### 4) Upcoming Meetings:

April 1, 2022 - via zoom;

August 5, 2022;

At conference in October;

November 4, 2022

Meeting adjourned at 11:57 p.m.