

YS Forum Board Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Regular meeting: Via Zoom

In Attendance

10 Members in Attendance –

Co-managers- Jen , Oak Lawn Public Library; Christy Kepler, Oswego Public Library District,
Ann Baillie, Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library;
Sarah Tattersall, Aurora Public Library;
Beth McCloskey, Itasca Community Library;
Anne Kunzen, Huntley Area Public Library;
Tina Ruzala, Palos Heights Public Library;
Cyndi Robinson, ILA Liason

Not in Attendance

Nicole Mills, Glenview Public Library
Richard Izzo, Lincolnwood Public Library
Niki Marabotti, Gail Borden Public Library
Brandi Smits, Orland Park Public Library
Jenny Westbrook-Krusza, Richton Park Library

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 August 20, 2021 –approved
- f) Additions or changes to agenda – none
- g) Roster additions – Christy will email an updated roster. Two members left – Kerry Bailey and Rachel Fuller. Ellen Fitzgerald temporarily off due to position assignment.
- h) ILA Board report - Cyndi – Conference went well and planning in-person for 2022 – 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.
- i) YASF report - Nicole – meeting next Thursday and will get update when available.
- j) iREAD report - Brandi – meeting today and will get update when available.
- k) Correspondence – none.

2) Old Business

- a) YSF Committee Reports:
 - i) Awards Committee – Ellen - chair; Kelly, Tina, Kerry, and Anne K.
 - a. Award Program was well done and members who attended liked the speakers being able to give a small thank you speech. Jen will bring this feedback to the Awards Committee meeting for planning for the next conference.
 - ii) Author Breakfast Committee –aka Youth Services Key Note Speaker – Ellen
 - a. Forum members who attended thought that Steenz spoke well and her presentation was interesting. The drawing activity she led was fun.

- iii) Stories & Spirits –Kristi and Niki co-chairs – was on hiatus due to the virtual platform.
 - iv) Social Media & Marketing Committee (includes Soup administration) – Christy - chair; Brandi, Anne, Tina, and Ellen committee
 - a. No new items to report. Christy reported that lack of advertisement and posts were due to the difficulty of attending while being in the library and post marketing information.
 - v) Conference Booth Committee – Jen. Anne K., Kristi, Ann B., Niki, Sarah
 - a. Booth interaction with attendees was very little. Ann B. greeted and tried chatting with people who entered but had no real conversations.
 - vi) Virtual Networking Committee - Beth, Kristi, and Sarah - review of Thursday Social Hour
 - a. Very low attendance. Only 2 people came the whole time and one person for a short while. One person was new to the event and had heard about it from the conference. Kristi and Beth think it still has value to do some more virtual networking in the future despite the low attendance for this one.
- b) Reports on ILA Conference Programs sponsored by YS Forum
- i) Storytime EDI – Sarah – Program went well. Had very good feedback. Sarah heard reference to this program in another program too. Beth commented on how she appreciated having all parts of storytime like songs and rhymes addressed not just books.
 - ii) Passive Programming for Youth – Beth, Kristi, Brandi – Attendees gave good feedback. Forum members who attended liked the variety of ideas and the personable quality of the presentation. Kristi thought that the program would work better in person since it would allow sharing ideas at the end more smoothly.
 - iii) IGNITE – Ellen, Christy, Kerry – Went well. Members who attended complimented the variety of presentations.
 - iv) Unconference – Ann B., Kerry, Niki – Ann was happy with how the program went. Technically it went smoothly. Members who attended enjoyed the program had a good time.
 - v) Youth Services Keynote Speaker – Professor Steenz – Ellen or Cyndi – Went well see comments from Author breakfast Committee report.
- c) Battle of the Books – Graphic Novels project – no new news. Project still pending.

3) New Business

- a) Fill New Positions:
- i) Election of 2022-2023 Co-Managers for November 2022-October 2023
Nominations – Jen nominated Ann Bailey. She accepted. Sarah Tattersall agreed to be a co-manager.
 - ii) Awards Committee
Kelly Stulgate will be chair, Kristi, Liesl, Anne, Ann
 - iii) Author Breakfast Committee
Beth and Anne will be on this committee.
 - iv) Stories & Spirits
First step is to check-in with Rob if he is still looking to fund. Kristi brought up the idea that maybe the event may not be a good fit being the first conference back that people

may not feel comfortable staying over or going to a social event. We will revisit this in February.

- v) Booth Committee
Beth, Sarah and Kristi will be on this committee.
- vi) Social Events & Marketing Committee (Virtual and In-person)
Ann will be chair, Sarah, Christy, Anne, Brandi, Tina
- vii) Virtual Networking Committee now merged with Social Committee

b) Conference 2022 ideas

Jen will start a google doc for collaboration. Feedback ideas from the evaluations were – programs on Reader’s advisory, Summer Reading ideas

Forum Proposal Ideas so far-

1. IGNITE - Kelly
2. Practical Magic for YS Managers - program update/repeat of this one – Kelly and Jen A.
3. 2022 Gameshow – Anne, Jen, Christy

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

- i) Prairie State Story League – second Friday of the month – November 12 on zoom.
Registration for the program will be posted on the SOUP.

4) Upcoming Meetings:

February 4, 2022 – via zoom

April 1, 2022

August 5, 2022

At Conference

November 4, 2022

Meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.