

Youth Services Forum Meeting

November 4, 2016

Naperville Public Library, 95th Street Branch

Meeting Notes provided by Secretary: Christy Kepler

Attendance: (X – Present)

- Jill Martorano (Glenside/Glendale Heights)
- Jen Abler (Oak Lawn)
- Jennifer Bueche (Gail Borden/Elgin)
- Christy Kepler (Oswego)
- Anne Kunzen (Huntley Area) - remote
- Ruth Anne Mielke (Bartlett)
- Ellen Norton (Naperville 95th St.)
- Vince Sovanski (Glenside/Glendale Heights)
- Leander Spearman (new ILA Board Liaison from Belleville Public Library) - remote
- Stephanie Spetter (Des Plaines)
- Lisel Ulaszek (Geneva)
- Rachel Weiss (Wheaton)
- Heidi Knuth (Glenside)

I. Welcome and Reports

- A. Forum Buddies – Jill M. with Heidi. We will assign more buddies as new members attend. Vince went over list of potential new members. Jill will send meeting dates to Cyndi to get webpage updated.
- B. Election of Managers for 2017-2018 – Christy Kepler and Ellen Norton were elected.
- C. Lunch orders
- D. Roster and attendance sheet
- E. Approve meeting minutes of August 4, 2016 – Approved by the board as present.
- F. Additions or changes to agenda – Additions were to attend other meetings to promote forum, pub stroll review added to ILA section, iREAD report
- G. Correspondence – Thanked Mary Adamowski for her service to the board. Jennifer B. will send a thank you to Betsy Byrd for her program at the conference.
- H. I.L.A. Board Report (Leander Spearman) – Tried to connect remotely with Leander – didn't connect until approximately 11:45am – he had no news to report.
- I. YASF – No report was presented from the Y.A. Services Forum.
- J. iREAD – Joe Marcantonio was in California for the CLA conference. He had nothing new to report, except that *Red Carpet Reads* is the running favorite for 2019.

II. Old Business

- A. Roster Info – Updates will be made
- B. 2016 ILA Conference in review
 - a. Breakfast
 - i. 106 people registered and 102 people attended.
 - ii. Liked the early start – should do again for 2017
 - iii. The general consensus was that it flowed very well.
 - iv. Timing was well done and the author had plenty of time to speak.
 - v. Reserved tables were awkward. Reserve less for 2017.
 - vi. Ruth Anne and Jennifer B. will be chairing the 2017 Breakfast committee.
 - b. Stories & Spirits
 - i. Would like a wider room in 2017.
 - ii. Let people in right away or close doors so the general public do not see the committee inside the room. Appeared that only certain attendees were allowed in early. A possible solution would be close the doors and have board members outside greeting attendees.

- iii. All liked the music and would like to see a return performance. There may not be a pub stroll in 2017 – possible to invite musicians to a larger performance for all conference?
- iv. It was felt that attendees left because there were not enough seats and with the conference being local to many – left to get home.
- v. Vince thanked everyone for the gift card donations. He thought it worked well even though some board members were uncomfortable with the idea of having to donate the cards. It was left that the 2017 organizers will decide what to do. Everyone liked the tag under the chair for the giveaways.
- vi. Suggestion to advertise music in advance in the program book.
- vii. Christy Kepler and Ellen Norton will chair 2017 Stories & Spirits committee.
- c. Pub Stroll
 - i. Baird was very kind – a great sponsor. Andy from Baird sent his thanks.
 - ii. The hors d'oeuvres were very good.
 - iii. YA Forum location was a bit more attractive to attendees because they had bowling and their sponsor was paying for food and drinks.
 - iv. Spinning wheel was a success
- d. Awards
 - i. Low amount of nominations. We need to try to get more for next year.
 - ii. Both award winners gave very good speeches.
 - iii. Have a table for the awards to be on the stage next year. Was a bit awkward to run down to get the awards.
 - iv. Would like more help from ILA to promote the awards.
- e. Handouts/Evaluations
 - i. Best Books for Kids 2016
 - 1. Overall – very well!
 - 2. Betsy was super easy to work with and it was requested that she present again next year.
 - ii. Trading Spaces
 - 1. This program went well also.

III. New Business:

- A. 2017 ILA Conference Ideas
 - a. Forum Hour – Anne writing up proposal – booth, program, during cookie hour in exhibit hall?
 - b. Besty Bird – Best Books – Jennifer B. will contact Betsy.
 - c. Panel of Children's Authors that Betsy Bird would moderate. Possible linked with Stories & Spirits? Jennifer B.
 - d. Dr. Dana Suskind for 30 million word initiative - can speak to ILA as a sponsored key note program
 - e. Jill suggested doing a program on how to host a program on escape rooms.
 - f. Stephanie Spetter – Sandy Weiss – mystery story league program – with escape room program?
 - g. You Did What at the Library!?! Lisel – non-campus programs
 - h. Coding programs – Anne K.
 - i. Codeclubworld.org – you register – no one will call after registering
 - i. Good, Bad, and Ugly of STEAM Kits – Lisel & Christy – lessons learned, really useful boxes to have. Also Jill/Glenside
 - j. Fundraising – Stephanie Spetter
 - k. Weekly Make & Takes – Years' worth of ideas – Christy Kepler, Ruth Anne, Jennifer B.
 - l. Ignite Session for youth – recruit YS librarians – Ellen
- B. IYSI Conference 2017
 - a. March 10-11, 2017 at Crown Plaza in Springfield.
 - b. Theme: Adventure
 - c. Jill spoke on upcoming meeting that will review program submissions
 - d. Jill is currently recruiting sponsors.
 - e. This year will be larger – 500 registration spots will be open.

- f. Still looking for program proposals – they have received a lot of teen and STEAM.
- g. The focus – more practical over procedure
- h. Giant Steps at ILA was very engaging – might be good for IYSI
- i. Will have improved internet access for attendees.
- j. No poster sessions – maybe 10 minute ignite sessions.
- k. Keynote speaker – Morton Arboretum programmer.
- l. St. Louis botanical gardener will be closer speaker.
- m. Jen suggested having a table in the exhibit hall to promote the forum.
- n. Registration opens November 1, 2016.
- o. YS Forum should sponsor a program.

Upcoming Meetings:

Friday, May 5, 2017 @ NPL 95th Street

Friday, August 4, 2017 @ NPL 95th Street

October 10-12, 2017 @ ILA Annual Conference at Tinley Park Convention Center