

YS Forum Meeting Minutes

Naperville Public Library, 95th Street Branch

May 19, 2017 11:00 – 2:00 pm

Attendance:

Jen Abler-Oak Lawn
Jill Baetiong-Morris
Jennifer Bueche-Gail Borden
Christy Kepler-Oswego
Heidi Knuth-Bloomingtondale
Anne Kunzen-Huntley
Jill Martorano-Glenside
Ellen Norton-Naperville
Sarah Prokop-Ela
Tina Ruzala-Reddick
Vince Sovanski-Glenside
Leander Spearman (Liaison *via phone*)-Belleville

Not Present:

Ruth Anne Mielke-Bartlett
Stephanie Spetter-Des Plaines
Lisel Ulaszek-Geneva
Elizabeth Novak-Fox River Valley

I. Welcome and Reports

- a. Lunch Orders
We ordered Jimmy Johns. It was Freaky Fast!
- b. Introductions
We went around the table and introduced ourselves to our newcomers, Jill Baetiong and Sarah Prokop
- c. Assign Forum buddies for new members & explain requirements
Anne will become buddies with Jill B. and Jill M. will become buddies with Sarah
- d. Assign notetaker (*Christy Kepler or Ellen Norton*)
Ellen Norton took notes
- e. Approval of minutes from February 16, 2017
Minutes were approved by Anne, seconded by Jen, and approved by all.
- f. Additions or changes to agenda?
No additions or changes to the agenda.

g. ILA Board report (Leander Spearman)

Leander attended via phone conference. ILA is working on the executive director search for Bob's replacement. They have retained "Offered Executive Search Firm" to help with the search and are currently working on the contract. There will be a meeting in June to come up with a plan of action. Bob is officially retiring in July, but has offered to stay on until a new director is in place. There are new board members coming on in July; Leander will remain the YS Forum's Board Liaison. ILA Board members attended the Legislative Day in Washington DC, where they awarded Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden with the Library Luminary Status. The annual ILA Orientation Session for new officers, committee members and forum members will be on July 20, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Illinois State University Alumni Center in Normal. Ellen and Christy will attend.

h. YASF report (*Manager: Rachel Blid*)

Vince shared printed minutes from the YASF meeting in April. Nothing particularly new going on with them, just preparing for conference.

i. iREAD report (Chair 2017: Joe Marcantonio; Chair 2018: Nikeda Webb)

Vince shared printed minutes from iREAD committee. They are working on finalizing 2018 info, and were also meeting on 5/19 in Plainfield.

j. Correspondence

Mary Adamowski said hi to everyone. Sherri Daun-Bedford's husband passed away. We will investigate sending a card.

II. Business

a. Check YS Forum Board Roster info

Jen passed around the YS Forum Roster to have everyone confirm their information. She will make any changes indicated.

b. YS Forum brochure – Anne Kunzen

Anne shared the Forum brochure with all changes as discussed at the last meeting. It was used at IYSI and Reaching Forward, and is also posted on "The Soup" If you would like an emailed PDF copy, please contact Anne.

c. 2017 ILA Conference

Conference hotel is the Holiday Inn attached to the convention center.

i. Breakfast - Ruth Anne Mielke & Jennifer Bueche

Breakfast will be held in the North Ballroom of the Tinley Park Convention Center. The breakfast will be the Sunrise Buffet. Cindy will request gluten free oatmeal and soy milk, and also investigate gluten free bread options. We will also ask if the cheese can be left off the eggs.

ii. Stories & Spirits – Christy Kepler & Ellen Norton

Nothing to report so far. Christy will contact Rob Innes. We decided that if he wants his daughter to perform again, we will be happy to have her in whatever capacity he is comfortable with. Ellen will contact Cindy regarding the room where *Stories and Spirits* is to be held and will ask about the forum's \$200, which we will spend on the gift card raffles. Ellen will also ask Cindy about a menu for the event.

iii. Awards – Jill Martorano, Anne Kunzen, Lisel Ulaszek

Awards committee is Jill, Anne and Lisel. The awards deadline is May 22, so there is nothing to report. They will likely receive nominations late May or early June.

iv. 2017 ILA Conference program ideas – updates – what was selected/what wasn't?

Forum Hour-Cindy will give the Forum a table in the exhibits hall, Table #415. Jen A. has a table cloth. We would like to do a drawing for a Panera “soup” gift card to promote our FB group “The Soup.” We would like to make buttons that say “SOUP-er!” or something like that to promote the group as well. Anne will work on an exhibits staffing schedule for the August meeting.

Betsy Bird- Betsy will be coming. If she is not the end of the day, we may ask her to come to the table in the exhibit hall to mingle. She will again do a best books presentation

Panel of Children's Authors-Did not pursue

Dr. Dana Suskind-Did not pursue

Jill's Escape Room-Did not pursue

Sandy Weisz Puzzle Hunt-Not accepted

You Can't Do That at the Library-Not accepted

Coding programs-Did not pursue

STEAM Kits-Did not pursue

Fundraising on a Small Scale-Did not pursue

Weekly Make and Takes-Accepted. Christy, Ruth Anne, and Mary Donovan will present. Titled “Creativity is Contagious” simple, cheap, creative art projects that can be done in the library with children, adapted for special needs adults, and adapted for an art room type of location.

CS First Coding- Accepted. Mary Donovan and Emily Bayci will present on Google's CS First Coding Programs.

Ignite for Youth Services-Accepted. Ignite presentations are 5 minute timed presentations of 20 slides. Sarah, Tina, Tom/Jen Abler, Jill B, Jill M, and Anne all indicated interest in either participating or sending staff. Ellen will resend some examples, along with the list of what ILA has requested we do not present about. We need approximately 8 presenters; Ellen has several from Naperville who are interested as well.

d. IYSI review – Jill Martorano

March of 2019. IYSI is looking for ways to cut their costs as this year they were over budget. They may only hold it on a Thursday/Friday instead of Saturday. Also investigating location.

e. IYSI – Y.S. Forum Booth – Vince Sovanski/Jen Abler

Vince shared a printed list of IYSI participants who indicated interest in either being a Forum Member at Large or a Board member. In the past, Jennifer B. has sent postcards to those interested from the ILA list. She will send communication to those on this list as well. We would like new members to officially come onto the board beginning in November and commit to at least serving through one planning year (Nov-Oct). Ellen N. will send the completed notes from this meeting to Cyndi and ask her to post them to the YS Forum ILA page, and we will share the link to them on social media.

f. YS Forum sponsored field trips – Amber Creger/Jill Martorano

Vince shared Amber's printed email. We will have our first field trip to the Art Institute of Chicago on Thursday September 14. They are adjusting a pre-existing training aimed at teachers about promoting art, and it is a hands on, station-style training. There will be a 50-participant cap, and the cost is looking like \$40, with attendees responsible for their own transportation and lunch. We are considering offering field trips 2x/year, and will need to create a committee to be responsible for planning these trips for next year. LACONI is also offering a field trip to MSI in November. Jill is going to talk with Amber to find out if LACONI will be offering consistent

field trips and will update everyone at the next meeting. We will add the Field Trips to the August agenda to discuss LACONI's plan and our plan going forward.

g. Reaching Forward Conference review – Jen Abler & Christy Kepler

Christy and Jen attended and passed out “The Soup” fliers while displaying cans of Campbell’s soup and a kettle. They promoted award nominations as well. They felt it was very worthwhile especially since the table was free. We would like to continue to staff tables at exhibits at various conferences if they can be given for free.

h. The Soup – thoughts/ideas – Anne Kunzen (*to start*)

Currently 149 members. Current members can add new members and post. Anne will add info about forum members. We will keep both the Forum FB page and The Soup group for now.

i. Any area YS meetings, programs or other educational opportunities that anyone would like to announce to forum:

Huntley Library will have the *Jesse White Tumblers* on June 8 at Marlow Middle School.

Oak Lawn Library is having an “*Adopt Don’t Shop*” Community Days event on June 10.

III. Upcoming Meetings:

August 4, 2017 – Gail Borden Public Library

October __, 2017 – ILA Annual Conference: Oct. 10-12, 2017 (*Tinley Park Convention Center*)

November 3, 2017 – Location to be Determined