

Youth Services Forum Meeting

Friday, August 4, 2016

Naperville Public Library, 95th Street Branch

Meeting Notes provided by Secretary: Vince Sovanski

Attendance: (X – Present)

- Mary Adamowski (Orland Park)
 - Jill Martorano (Glenside/Glendale Heights)
 - Jen Abler (Oak Lawn)
 - Jennifer Bueche (Gail Borden/Elgin)
 - (SWAYS Rep)
 - Christy Kepler (Oswego)
 - Anne Kunzen (Huntley Area)
 - Amy Malysa (Alsip-Merrionette Park)
 - Rashmi Mehrotra (Naper Boulevard/Naperville)
 - Ruth Anne Mielke (Bartlett)
 - Ellen Norton (Naperville 95th St.)
 - Lora Siebert (Prairie Trails/Burbank)
 - Vince Sovanski (Glenside/Glendale Heights)
 - Leander Spearman (new ILA Board Liaison from Belleville Public Library)
 - Stephanie Spetter (Des Plaines)
 - Lisel Ulaszek (Geneva)
 - Rachel Weiss (Wheaton)
 - Deidre Winterhalter (Niles)
- And YA Forum Board Rep.

Welcome and Reports

1. Additions or changes to agenda – No changes or additions were made to the agenda.
2. Lunch orders – Taken for McAlister's Deli (*going around the table*).
3. Roster and attendance sheet – Passed around by Jill Martorano (*please mark & make corrections*).
4. Approve meeting minutes of May 13, 2016 – Approved by the board as present.
5. Correspondence – None received.
6. I.L.A. Board Report (Leander Spearman) – Our new YS Forum liaison was not in attendance.
7. YASF – No report was presented from the Y.A. Services Forum.

Old Business

ILA Conference 2016 Updates: No general comments were made.

1. **Breakfast** – Anne & Jen Abler reported that the Y.S. Forum Author Breakfast, featuring (*author/illustrator of the little Elliot the elephant books*) Mike Curato will be held on Wednesday, October 19, from 8–10 a.m. (*Please note the new time of 8 A.M.!*) Since David Williams from Rainbow Books is not personally sponsoring the Breakfast this year, as his son is getting married, Anne & Jen have been working with Cyndi Robinson to find a sponsor (\$2,000 – *which pays for the author's appearance and fees*). While Product Architects & LFI were not interested, both Ingram's Brett Morris (*a former BWI employee*) and Baker & Taylor's Curt Leppert have submitted requests to their respective companies for possible sponsorship. Hopefully, someone will sponsor this Breakfast. In regards to the menu, although the food choices were rather limited, we will again be offering oatmeal and so milk. There will be two buffet lines. The co-chairs have spoken with Joe Marcantino, Teen Services Librarian at Plainfield, and the iREAD Chair about his concerns for time. Jen Abler & Anne will set the agenda, allowing more time for Mike Curato to speak. Either Jen/Anne or Jill/Mary will do the introductions; while also explaining the functions of the Y.S. Forum Board. ABDO books (*sales representative: Heather Vulpone*) will be sponsoring the Davis Cup. And Rob Zimmers from Quality Books, Inc. will also again be sponsoring the Golden Ticket Award. There will be no handouts at each table, but there will be one or two "*thank-you*" cards from the award recipients (along with a "*posted*" breakfast program). In regards to iREAD graphics for the centerpieces, Gail Borden has the picks. **Y.S. Board should try to arrive by 7:15 a.m.**

Vince questioned the way ILA currently lists the title of this event in the way it registers and markets this event. Should it be titled: Youth Author Breakfast **OR** Youth Services Forum Author Breakfast? It seems like the name of the breakfast has been shortened over the years. After much discussion, this item was tabled. Jen Abler & Vince can speak with Cyndi about the title of the 2017 Breakfast, if they would like to see it changed back.

2. **Awards** – Jill Martorano, as the Chair of the Awards Committee, thanked everyone on the committee: Jen Abler, Mary Adamowski, Anne Kunzen and Rashmi Mehrotra. This year's Golden Ticket Award had two submissions and this year's recipient is Rosie Camargo, Youth Services Outreach Assistant and Storytime Coordinator at the Forest Park Public Library. Rosie was nominated for her outstanding contributions by the Youth Services Manager, Susan Farnam. Sharon Hrycewicz, Reference & Technology Coordinator for the Youth Services Department at the Downers Grove Public Library for 18 years, has been named the recipient of the Davis Cup. Sharon was nominated by her previous manager, Sara Pemberton. But since there were no nominations for the Davis Cup Award this year and Sharon had been nominated last year, Sara was asked to resubmit Sharon as a nominee. This work was completed with all of the committee members in agreement.
3. **Stories and Spirits** – This event will be held on Tuesday, October 18th, from 5:15 – 6:45 p.m. in Room 24 of the Convention Center. Rob Innes is again the sponsor of our event. His daughter Lauren and another musician friend will be playing in the hallway of the venue as our guests enter the large meeting room. Vince & Jen Abler will welcome all and then thank Rob Innes and Robert Haddock for their support. Rob Innes will introduce Lauren and her friend, who will then play for about 20 – 30 minutes. There will then be a time to socialize, with music in the background. For the “passive” raffle, Robert Haddock will be contributing 10 audio books. **Vince is accepting gift cards, for the raffle, if you wish to donate one.** Jen & Vince are looking at the menu choices and they are leaning towards more snack-y type items (with a cheese board). Of course there will be a bartender, but the cost for the food is very expensive this year, even though the budget is \$4,000. A raffle prize table or two will be set-up by the doors, so guests can pick-up their prizes, as they exit the venue.
4. **YS Pub Crawl/Stroll & Forum Board meeting (at Conference):** The Y.S. Forum is sponsoring a pub during the Sixth Annual Pub Crawl/Stroll, on Wednesday, October 19th from 6-10 p.m. The Y.S. Forum Board will meet for dinner at this pub! Stephanie Spetter, Ellen Norton & Christy Kepler are on the Pub Crawl Committee and making plans for this event. Stephanie announced that Pattie Piotrowski (*the new ILA President, who is from U of I, Springfield*) and Angelica are working on the Pub Crawl/Stroll. The Y.S. Forum will function as a “host” which means that we can possibly have a “signature drink”, games, fun and food. ILA lines up the sponsors who possibly provide the food and branded swag. Y.S. Forum members should promote the stroll; arrive early and be prepared to interact with any of the attendees to our hosted event. The pubs are in NB Financial Park and Mary Adamowski has a list of the pubs involved which she will send to Stephanie. Since she works close, Stephanie will check out the possible pubs. She also mentioned that the committee is having fun coming up with possible names of a “signature drink”, such as the Flamin’ Mo (for Mo Willems); the Tootsie Roll (Roald Dahl); Harry the Dirty Dog and Wizard of Oz. Swag may include bracelets that participants pick-up at each pub. Also, Stephanie/Ellen/Christy will be making buttons for distribution to those who attend.
Note: During Lunch Break, Deidre needed to leave the meeting. Also, Jill and Mary gifted a card and plant to Rashmi in gratitude for her wonderful contribution and support of the Y.S. Forum. We made a conference call to Sheri Daun-Bedford at the Woodridge Public Library to congratulate her on her retirement and to thank her for her service to the Y.S. Forum Board.
5. **Handouts/Evaluations:** Christy Kepler will update the evaluations with a bit of redesign, sometime in August, and email them out to all of the board members. Moderators or Program Presenters are being asked to distribute and pick-up all program evaluations. Rashmi will contact Giant Steps organization in regards to their program presentation. Jen Abler mentioned the need for the evaluation form to include topics or suggestions for programs/workshops. The Forum feels that is no longer necessary to evaluate the Y.S. Forum Author Breakfast, so there will be no evaluations distributed at this morning event.

6. New Business:

a) Review of Conference Program Proposals: Discovery/Advocacy/Leadership

The ILA Conference Planning Committee accepted 12 of the 14 proposals-submitted by the Y.S. and the Y.A. Forum:

- **Best Books for Kids 2016: The Titles You Simply Cannot Miss** (with Betsy Bird) **Jen Bueche**
- **Discovery, Advocacy and Leadership in Every Day STEAM-Powered Teen Programs**
- **From Spark to Ignite: Using Hands On Technology to Inspire Teens**
- **Using Diverse Books in Library and school Programs**
- **Net-"twerk" It! Building Supportive Communities for Awesome Teen Service**
- **Media Mentor Meet-up**
- **Finding Joy in Making Change: Teens & Community Engagement**
- **Keeping YA Real: Nonfiction for 6th through 12th Grade**
- **Teamwork Makes the Dream Work: Ideas and Advice for School & Public Library Collaboration**
- **Curiouser and Curiouser: Discovering Creativity in Youth at the Library**
- **Crazy College Simulator: Community Organizations, Schools, Colleges & Public Libraries Working**
- **Together to Make Learning Fun**
- **Creating an "Autism-Friendly" Library to Support Persons with Autism Spectrum Disorder**
- **From Mommy and Me to Maker Spaces** (**Amy Maylsa**)
- **Giant Steps Program** (**Rashmi Mehrotra**)
- **Graphic Novels/Comic Con Program** (**Jen Bueche**)

Jill suggested that we wear something, as a YS Forum Board, around the Conference. Buttons, hats, sashes, etc. were discussed. Mary Adamowski will check with ILA to see if we can have YS Forum ribbons (that have self-adhesive) that we can add to our name tags. Vince was asked to research possibility of sashes (in yellow-green).

b) ILA Leadership Orientation Meeting Report:

Jen and Vince attended this meeting in Normal, which took place towards the end of July. They met our new board liaison Leander Spearman (*it was his first ILA meeting since being elected to the board*). Jen and Vince gave a recap of the day's events). That afternoon, Cyndi Robinson met with all of the leadership of all of the Forums and the Y.S. Forum was held up as a great example of a forum that is working well. Vince and Jen don't have a new missive from ILA as far as goals and objectives, but they want to work on getting the word out about the Forum. "What is the Y.S. Forum?"

It was suggested that Jen & Vince write a proposal for next year's ILA Conference on this very topic, an informational meeting about the forum and how to get involved. All board members, should act as ambassadors for the Y.S. Forum and mention our work at the various meetings that attend. We also talked about using RAILS, Heartland, Nerdy's, Word Press, and possibly an electronic bulletin board, to get the word out: As an "interest group" we are advocates for Youth Services Librarians throughout the state! We also discussed having a large Y.S. Forum informational meeting at IYSI in the spring.

c) Illinois Youth Services Institute: March 10 – 17, 2016 at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield, entitled: Create Your Adventure! Proposals for IYSI can be submitted starting next week. The opening of registration for IYSI begins at the ILA Conference. It is open for up to 500 registrants and the cost is \$100 for a single day or \$150 for the full conference. Jill is now working on getting funding from various sponsors. The Y.S. Forum may wish to have an informational table (at the institute), along with a YS Forum tablecloth.

d) Facebook Update: Our likes went up from 164 to 171 likes (increased by 13), since our last meeting. We also had two posts! Forum members should remember to post any s.r. news; new programs or positions open.

e) Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

Note: We have or are losing Sheri, Rashmi and Mary Adamowski from our board.

If you haven't already, please email Jill a current photo and a small biography for posting!!

2016/2017 Meetings:

Wednesday, October 19, 2016 (Dinner Meeting) @ Pub Crawl (ILA Conference)

Friday, November 4, 2016 @ NPL 95th Street

Friday, February 3, 2017 & Friday, May 5, 2017 @ NPL 95th Street