

YSS Meeting

February 16, 2017

YSS advocates for professional empowerment, collaboration, and innovative, inclusive, and intentional service

Members present: Terry, Emily, Leah, Linda, Sue A., Susie, Sarah, Elizabeth

Terry asked if there were any additions to be made to the agenda. Sue asked that we add a section on the WLA Board Meeting.

Motion to approve agenda was made by Susie, and Leah seconded. The agenda was approved.

Old Business

Board Retreat

- Terry thanked everyone for their participation.
- Sue mentioned that she was excited to see non board member come this retreat.
- Terry also pointed out that many of them had traveled a significant distance to come to the retreat and thought that it went well overall.
- Sarah agreed to write a blog post about the meeting.
- Leah mentioned that she liked the format of the meeting.

WAPL

- Terry let us know that she would touch base with the with the presenters of YSS sponsored programs.

WLA Luncheon

- Leah told us that Andrea Davis Pinkney will be our speaker for the YSS Luncheon. She has spoken with Ms. Pinkney's agent and that we have gotten great response regarding donations from individuals and groups.
- We were, however, about \$300 short. She thought about contacting some of the businesses that she had previously contacted about raising their donations.
- Leah also thought about raising the ticket price for the meal. Terry did some quick figuring to see how much we would have to raise the price and it turned out to be about \$2.00 per person.
- Sue had suggested contacting some schools in the area to see if they would be interested in hosting Ms. Pinkney, but the price wouldn't change.
- Marge through Leah also suggested that the Conference Committee might be willing to kick in the last \$300, especially considering we had already raised quite a lot of the money ourselves.
- Susie also suggested that we ask businesses that hadn't made a donation to consider making a small one.

Preconference

- Nothing to report. Tessa is waiting to hear back from the speakers.

Membership Committee

- Linda Jerome was at the meeting to find out what the board was looking for from the Membership Committee. Terry and Leah suggested that the first step should be some kind of data collection. The board wanted to see who YSS members were and who the YS people are in systems around the state. It

was suggested that the Membership Committee when finding out who the people were in Youth Services, we could also find out what stage they were in their career.

- Terry suggested we look at conference needs versus non-conference needs and merge our data with the data that the DPI has. Leah also suggested that we use information gathering that included a survey about retaining and renewing membership.
- Susie suggested using regional meetings as a way to collect more data.
- Linda summarized our thoughts by suggesting questions that could be answered by data collection and analysis. Her questions were: Who are YS people? Who is a member? Why do members renew their membership year after year? Where are they in their career?
- Leah asked about setting up a committee to specifically address the data gathering. Linda will set it up by contacting people who said they were interested in volunteering for YSS. Leah will help with this.
- Terry suggested coming up with some regional contacts who would organize regional meetings. Sue thought that the face to face aspect of these meetings would be appreciated.
- Terry also suggested that we come up with some YSS advocates to supply testimonials about why they continue to value YSS. Linda suggested that we ask for that in the surveys. Terry agreed.
- Terry thought that providing mentorship for new members and providing ways for mid-career members to reenergize themselves would be great ideas.
- Linda asked if the regional meet ups would be more casual (similar to the one that happened at the retreat) or should there be an educational aspect.
- Sue suggested that we do something like we did at the retreat, where participants brought a book and talked about it and shared ideas from it. Anything more structured would be a lot more work.
- Leah agreed and said that she thought a presentation was too much, by felt like we needed to have a more structured and facilitated discussion, so librarians would be able to come. Sue agreed that there shouldn't be a guest speaker.
- Terry suggested doing something like "Library Bragging" where the hosting library could give a tour, share what they are currently doing, etc. She thought something like that would be more professional and official.
- Leah also suggested a social weekend.
- Linda asked about where to start. Data collection was suggested. Linda also asked about a deadline for the collection and it was decided that having something by the October conference would be good. Linda thought that would be a good idea and that she would keep Terry in the loop.

New Business

YSS Blog Post

- Julie agreed to create a short blog post that summarized what happened at each meeting based on the minutes.

WLA Meeting

- Sue covered what happened at the WLA board meeting, including Financial statements, getting to know folks and setting priorities, which included Legislative Day, where 100 people signed up to meet with representatives. She shared that there would be a student task force for WLA. She also covered Special Interest Groups. It was suggested that a Programming Special Interest group be created. There would need to be about 20 members to sustain such a group.

- She also covered the structure of the WLA, the Annual Report.
- We circled back around to the Special Interest Group to discuss the possibility of a Programming Special Interest Group that would be a break off from YSS.

Upcoming Meetings

March 22 @ 12:30

April at WAPL

May 25 @ 2:30

Sue made the motion to adjourn, with Sarah seconding it. It was approved.

Submitted by Julie Kinney

March 20, 2016