

YSS Meeting

March 22, 2017

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

Members present: Sarah C., Emily, Sue, Susie, Terry, Tessa, Leah, Julie, Elizabeth, Caitlyn

Terry asked if there were any additions to be made to the agenda. Leah asked that we discuss the possible elimination of the IMLS (Institute of Museum and Library Services) and this was added to New Business.

Motion to approve agenda was made by Sue, and Elizabeth seconded. The agenda was approved.

Old Business

WAPL

- There will be five YSS sponsored programs at WAPL this year. They will be:
 - Marge Loch-Wouters: It's Not "Just the Facts, Ma'm" : Creating and Marketing a Dynamite Youth Non-Fiction Collection
 - Emily Zorea: STEM School-Age Programs on a Budget
 - Sharon Grover: Sound Learning: Read-Alongs Enhancing Literacy Development
 - Emily Sanders: (No Title Yet) but the topic is Teen Advisory Boards / Teen Programming / Small library
 - Dawn Wacek: This is a No Hit Zone: Supporting Healthy Kids and Safer Communities at Your Library

WLA Luncheon

- Currently, we are still about \$300 for short for Andrea Davis Pinkney's fee. Penworthy was able to give us an additional \$150. Marge via Sue suggested that we ask WLA to pick up the extra \$150 (or whatever the difference is at the end.) It was agreed that we will ask WLA to help out with whatever amount remained.

Preconference

- Tessa reported that Ann and Tammy (the speakers) will be able to attend the preconference and will work to create an expense request. Tessa felt that the request will probably be fairly modest. Tessa will also work on putting together content for the preconference. In the past, the preconference has consisted of a presentation followed by small group discussion. The group then generated a to do list of things that will need to be accomplished to have this ready for WLA. The expected attendance is about 50 to 60 people and the price for the preconference will be about \$15 to \$20 for members and more for nonmembers. It will probably be an afternoon from 1 to 5, rather than a whole day session, as it was felt that a daylong presentation would be more expensive for attendees.
- It was suggested that the CCBC staff be asked to be part of the preconference. Tessa pointed out that the presenters had already included a number of the CCBC stats within their presentation and she was afraid of duplications. Terry asked if Tessa had considered asking the CCBC to create book display to go along with the preconference. Tessa indicated that she was definitely interested in including the CCBC, but wanted to wait until the plans were more in place before approaching them and asking how they could enhance the preconference.

- Currently, there isn't a lot for the preconference committee to work on and Tessa will touch base with Terry and let her know when she needs additional help.

YSS Blog Post

- Leah commented that there have been some grammar/syntax errors creeping into the guest blog posts. She suggested that we let guest bloggers know that blogs will be edited for clarity. She also suggested that this be added intentionally to the workflow of editors.
- Sarah did edit and now there is an explicit note to guest bloggers that the editors might edit a post as needed.
- Terry asked if Sarah sent thank you notes to guest bloggers to recognize their contributions.

Powerhouse Presents

- Leah reported that after looking at requests, they were able to come up with presenters for three sessions:
 - May 2 on Serving Homeschoolers
 - Getting out to get Teens in
 - STEAM for the Steam Anxious
- The Powerhouse Presents committee was hoping to provide empowerment for YS assistants and show that YS assistants have something to offer. One of the STEAM presenters is a YS assistant.

New Business

WLA Conference Committee

- Terry wanted to double check on who had volunteered to be on the committee: Caitlyn, Julie, Susie, Terry.
- Terry reminded us that the call for programs just went out. Leah suggested a program on working with teen groups and wondered if we would be interested in sponsoring a session. Terry suggested submitting it to the conference and let them decide. Leah will look into getting information and getting back to us.
- Terry asked if there were any sessions that we should specifically pursue. Caitlyn suggested "R Rated Story Time" as part of the YSS Social.
- Leah also suggested a book discussion around the books written by the guest author for the luncheon. Leah will recommend some books for discussion and Tessa recommended the "Red Pencil." Leah will look at picking a book and the conference committee will put in a request for the program.
- Sue asked Tess about the coding initiative and how we could highlight it at the conference. Tessa reminded that the initiative is for all learners. There were a couple of suggestions for programs like doing a hands on program or sharing how people have run coding programs.
- Tessa suggested that we see what DPI decides to do at WLA and then we can decide what we want to offer.

Regional Meet Ups

- Terry felt that we shouldn't wait to schedule another meet up, similar to the afternoon of the board retreat. It was suggested that we just schedule one and see what happens.

- Susie volunteered to set on up for her region and Sarah offered to help facilitate it.
- Sue felt challenged by the summer calendar and Julie suggested a fall meet up and Sue suggested that it be about surviving the summer.
- After discussion of “region” it was suggested that any library could host a regional meeting and anyone who was interested could attend, but that it should be pushed toward the local system.
- Terry and Susie decided to do one in Manitowoc and Two Rivers in May. Terry thought a date at the end of May on a Friday would be a good date.
- Because the last two meet ups have been more on the Eastern side of the state, it was suggested that the next one be more on the Western side of the state for September.
- Leah then asked if this was a benefit for everyone or just for members. Sue thought that if we made it too easy to come to the events, then what was the benefit of joining? Elizabeth felt that we should make it available to everyone, but remind attendees that it was a YSS event and that if they were interested in joining YSS they could.
- Terry also suggested that it was a way for smaller libraries to meet with the leadership of YSS.
- Sue suggested a nominal donation of \$5.00 for nonmembers. Susie added that we already have that policy in place for WLA. Sue will talk with WLA about it.
- It was decided that Sue would check and email what the response was. In the meantime, Terry and Susie would pick a date and Leah and Sue would let the membership committee know.
- Sarah also volunteered the Beaver Dam Library for a meetup at some point in the future.

Membership Elections Committee

- There is an election for Chair Elect, and two Directors at Large. Sue will check with Marge about when her term will end.
- Suggestions were put forth for people that could be tapped to be elected. There was also a quick discussion of what the responsibilities of the Chair Elect were. Elizabeth, Leah and Emily will be the nominations committee.

Passive Program Resource

- Terry reminded the board about the “52 Weeks of Teen Programming” that was created. She asked if we should consider creating one for the 12 passive programs that came out of last year’s conference. It was decided to “freshen” up the programs in the “52 Weeks” and add to it. Julie added that some coding programs might be helpful for librarians and library assistants that aren’t used to doing coding.
- It was decided that Julie and Caitlyn would work on creating “12 Months of Coding,” and would solicit submissions via a MemberClicks message.

WLA Update

- Sue will have updates after the next meeting of the whole board on April 7.

IMLS Funding

- Leah asked if there was anything we could do to support the continued funding of the IMLS. Caitlyn suggested that we line up something for National Library Week, like a script that could be available for anyone talking with patrons about the issue. The deadline for the vote is April 3, so waiting for National Library Week wouldn’t work.

- Leah then suggested inviting representatives and senators to the library to attend a program. She pointed out that they may not come, but that it was a start in getting the library community voices heard. She also thought that whatever is done, it should be continuous and concrete. She suggested that some people may not even understand what the IMLS is or does. Sue agreed and thought that creating a blog post that broke down the many aspects of the IMLS would be a good idea. The blog post could also provide links.
- The whole group was reminded to share good blog posts.
- The meeting concluded with a question of how many people would be at WAPL. There will be a chance to meet the members of the board (who are there) at WAPL, so the meeting will be less of a business meeting.

Emily made the motion to adjourn

Susie seconded and it was passed.

Submitted by Julie Kinney

April 6, 2017

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