

**LACONI YSS Board Meeting  
Mount Prospect Public Library  
March 4, 2016**

Board members in attendance were Mary Smith, Susan Farnum, Marianne Ryczek, Alice Kuhn, Jan Bojda, Jason Driver, Claudia Krauspe, Evelyn Lorence, Amy Koester, Laura Mesjak, Krista Katzen, Will Savage, Ann Marie Scandura, Diane Norris-Kuczynski, Amber Creger and Dana Russell.

President Mary Smith called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**Secretary's Report**

Minutes from the February 12, 2016 board meeting were approved as corrected. Minutes from the February 26 general meeting were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report**

Will reported that for the last program we spent \$100 more than taken in which is good as we often lose money. LACONI YSS has approximately \$6300 in the budget. The treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

**Committee Reports**

**Audit Committee** – Nothing to report. Historically audits were done from May to May, but now they will be done in January. Kevin Meadows will be doing the previous year's but going forward, each section will be doing its own, probably.

**By Laws Committee**– Board discussed whether there was a need for a minimum number of board members. It was decided to keep it as currently written. At large members will be appointed. The following changes were made, voted on, passed, and will need to be presented at the fall meeting:

Article VI, Section 2 "At Large Board Members may be appointed as needed by the Advisory Board, **subject to Advisory Board approval**, or the Illinois Youth Services Institute (IYSI) chairpersons on behalf of the Advisory Board."

Article VI, Section 3 " Member library representatives on the Advisory Board serve two years and no more than two consecutive terms ~~or until committee responsibilities have expired or the Advisory Board deems appropriate for ongoing business.~~ At Large Board Members may serve until their committee responsibilities have expired or as the Advisory Board deems appropriate for ongoing business. **The Advisory Board will review At Large positions on an annual basis.**

## Article IX, Section 1

LACONI is a 501c3 organization. Accounts for all sections are maintained under a larger LACONI organizational account under the supervision of the Administration section's treasurer. ***A minimum of \$1500 must be maintained at any given time.***

## Article IX, Section 3

The books are to be audited by the Audit Committee annually, at the ~~end~~***beginning*** of the calendar year. The Audit Report will be presented at the Spring Membership meeting.

The board recognizes that Article IX, Section 1 may need to be modified some, dependent upon the development of the Governance Board.

Amber and Dana will need to look at and revise the IYSI description. Everyone should look at the officer job descriptions and check currency. Job descriptions do not need to be voted on by board.

**Harvest Website Committee**- Have about 200 in the database. Micah is going over the requested changes. Terms of use will be shared with board members and then the site will be able to be populated. Susan will share updated database on Google drive. The announcement of the website to the public should be done at IYSI. A reminder of payment will need to be reviewed before payment.

**Historian** – Krista volunteered to take over this position. There is no consistency amongst the sections regarding how long things should be kept.

**Nominations** – Amy heard back from 5 of the 6 new members and those have accepted the board positions. The two from the original list of those interested in joining the board would like to remain in consideration. Amy will update all contact information. Laura will bring contact information of members to May meeting. She will also bring membership list to the board meeting.

## **Programming Committee** –

**February program** – board received many positive comments/feedback.

**September program** – Professional/Career Development. Barrington Public Library is good to go as the location on September 23. Laura suggested having the morning speaker present on the Positive Side of Conflict; Diane Decker does this and is available. Needs to know budget, time and how many people to expect. Susan has started lining up a panel of youth services people who have moved on to directorships and can speak on what people need to know, surprises they have encountered and useful things to do to build their careers in that direction. Laura would also like to either have tables from organizations that serve those working in Youth Services or have those from these organizations give five minute spark talks and then locate them at tables so participants can ask questions/talk to them.

**November program** – Early childhood program. Dana Suskind is available and interested, but unless we are willing to go through her speaker agency, it will need to be done virtually. Additionally, she requires that her books be purchased for every attendee (\$28). She is also unavailable on our regular meeting

date (the 18<sup>th</sup>) but is available on the 11<sup>th</sup>. After much discussion, it was suggested that we look at her as a possible keynote speaker for next year's IYSI. Laura will give her agent Dana, Amber and Cyndi's emails. Discussion of venues took place; Bolingbrook will be contacted. Alternatives are Romeoville and Alsip-Merrionette.

The board discussed other ideas for November – 1000 Books person was good to come for just mileage; an Idea Share either with open mic or tables; Chip Donohue from Ericksen on multimedia and early childhood literacy. Amy will talk to Chip. Jan knows Marianna Glusman who is connected with Rach Out and Read and will reach out to her.

**Publicity Committee** – Alice sent out reminders about IYSI. Dana sent out reminders on PUBYAC and the RAILS manager listserv.

**Institute**– Dana shared information on a person who contacted her about providing a free mystery night kit to an attendee. The board decided that if she created a certificate, we could provide raffle tickets for attendees to fill out and pick a winner from that. There was discussion on the speed mentoring element of IYSI. Jason has local arrangements information that he will send to Amber mid-week.

The next board meeting is Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at the Gail Borden Public Library in Elgin. The meeting room is up the stairs and to the left.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.