LACONI YSS General Meeting Friday, February 25, 2011

Community Outreach & Partnerships Rolling Meadows Library, Rolling Meadows, IL

President Kathy Fredrickson called the meeting to order at 10:01 am. She welcomed everyone, and read the LACONI Youth Services mission statement. She announced that the April meeting will be the time for nominations for board members and two officers – Vice President and Secretary. She asked for suggestions from the attendees.

Board members were introduced. The audience was also encouraged to approach board members to ask about board membership. Kathy reminded the group that Harvest of Resources is coming up in September and that information regarding Harvest can be found on the LACONI website.

Vice President Shelley Campbell stressed that ideas for this workshop and others presented by LACONI YSS came from the evaluation sheets. She encouraged everyone to fill out the sheets and present their ideas.

Secretary's Report

The November 12, 2011 general meeting secretary's report was read and filed.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was read and filed.

Kathy Fredrickson made an announcement for the YS Forum of ILA that nominations are open for the Davis Cup and Golden Ticket awards.

The business meeting adjourned at 10:13 am.

Presentations were made in the morning.

Jen Abler and Anne Luzaniecki of Messenger Public Library in North Aurora talked about their partnership with the local Mother's Club.

Jessica Parker spoke about Geneva Public Library's partnership with the Park District which has resulted in after-school programming for students in grades 1-5, called Kids' Zone.

Shelley Campbell presented West Chicago Public Library's Listos Para Leer (Ready to Read) program for Spanish-speaking parents.

Amy Waters of Glen Ellyn Public Library spoke about their very successful Bus to Books program and their Open Books, Open Doors scholarship program for non-residents without the means to pay for library card.

Elisa Gueffier talked about Lake Villa District Library's outreach to the school district. Since there are no LRCs in many of their schools, the Library has offered to visit the schools and provide teacher support.

Joslyn Jones from Plainfield Public Library talked about their Story Time Cookies & Milk program with Panera.

Lindsey Dorfman talked about the long-running partnership Lisle Public Library has with the area school district and LRCs.

Lora Van Marel of Orland Park Public Library and Sarah Schroeder of Oak Lawn Public Library spoke at their partnership with Good Shepherd Center, a local preschool/day care which allows them to work with DCFS and provide ECRR training to preschool teachers.

Lunch was catered by Chef Ping.

In the afternoon, the presenters were seated at talk-tables so that attendees could investigate their programs in-depth.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.