

AYLF
August 15, 2013
Meeting Minutes

Host: Ohio

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Minutes: Dawn (MO)

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 **Opening Round: Sharing success and challenge from 2013 YLF –**

- Ray (FL): completed July 21. Success – Very positive results from marketing strategies including an overwhelming number of applications resulting in an awesome group of students. Challenge: to continue the success looking for more social media tools.
- Donna (OH): Success: mentor dinner was a hit, raising almost \$2000. Challenge: scheduling the YLF to begin on a Monday and end on Thursday conflicted with parent work schedules. Next year looking at starting on a Sunday so parents won't need to take off of work to bring students.
- Jen (OK): Great year – great group of students. Challenge: getting all accepted students to show up. Had a couple of last minute cancellations.
- Kara (VA): Success: 23 applicants / 22 showed and graduated. Challenge: difficulty recruiting – hope to receive more applications next year.
- Sierra / Carol (NC): Sierra – Success: 20 delegates even though lowest number of applications received. Carol – Challenge: location was somewhat of a challenge with accessibility issues.


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- Erin (IN): Preparing for 2014 as Indiana's first YLF! ☺
- Carrie (KS): Success – lower number of students than normal but the returning Alumni did an impressive presentation and were very prepared. Challenge – funding. Unlike prior years a couple of sources of state funding was restricted so received less funding that anticipated. However, this challenge also turned into a success because multiple Centers for Independent Living contributed.
- Seneca (CA): Success and Challenge – despite the diversity and number of students identified on the spectrum and the challenges that came along with the groups worked together well and demonstrated teamwork.
- Kathi (WV): Currently do not have a YLF. They did visit OH's program and hope to host their first YLF in 2015.
- Dawn (MO): Success – great year with outstanding speakers. Jeff Yalden and Rohan Murphy. Challenge – had a couple of technology issues using iPads for student presentations but great staff and delegates were flexible and good problem solvers.


 **Approval of April 18 Meeting Minutes: Approved. No corrections made.**

 **AYLF Website:** Website is updated and functioning.

- The Interwork Institute at Sand Diego State University offered to host a webinar session for this meeting using Blackboard Collaborate. For those that were able to successfully logon were provided a visual tour and demonstration along with the rest listening via conference call description.
- A toolkit of California curriculum from 2001 has been posted on the website for all states to easily access and use.
- Jen recommended adding a comment to resource guide on the webpage to state that sample forms can be amended to fit your current curriculum.
- LaCandice noted that changes can be made to fit curriculum – but core standards must be the same. Once we have updated surveys from California – they will be added to the forms.

 **Treasurer Report:** Thanks to Mike for his years to the AYLF. He has accepted another position with his organization and will no longer be AYLF treasurer.

- Please email nominations to LaCandice.
- Currently LaCandice will accept the treasurer's responsibilities until the role is filled.
- LaCandice proposed that 2013 Membership Dues be waived so that the strategic planning and a more clear definition of membership benefits can be established. All meeting participants agreed.

 **AYLF / APRIL Collaboration lead by Carrie Greenwood and LaCandice shared the possibility of partnering with the APRIL conference in Tulsa, OK this coming October. Flyers and the applications were presented to the members.**

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- The conference is located in a different location annually and always has a youth conference following their regular conference.
- Discussion of AYLF members from states using this opportunity to meet face to face and those not able to participate via video/teleconference. Also discussed bringing youth to attend the conference.
- The question of AYLF presenting at the conference sharing the YLF was discussed.
- Carrie presented 2 possible options regarding fees: 1st option – for every 5 paid registrations get 1 free. The 2nd option – APRIL early bird price of \$250 to anyone representing AYLF (does not have to be early registration). The 2nd was preferred.
- Eligible Youth must be ages 14 – 30 and have a disability. Scholarships are still in question. Hopefully by September, more info will be available regarding scholarships.
- LaCandice discussed using current funds in AYLF account for payment option for conference registration fees for interested AYLF reps to attend but attendees are responsible for their travel and lodging expenses. A motion made by Jen and approved by all member participants.
- Discussion of how we could possible offer youth scholarships for conference. Carrie will be sharing the APRIL youth scholarship form to use as a potential template.
- **Anyone interested in attending conference need to email Dawn your interest and she will forward to Carrie. If you are not interested note if you would like to participate in the videoconference.**

 **Monthly Topic: Evaluating YLF! A discussion about measuring YLF outcomes and publishing data was lead By Seneca Sharp and LaCandice McCray.**

- Seneca discussed evaluating consistently between all YLF's on a National level.
- Different formal scales used for other purposes such as the Disability identity scale and the Rosenberg were discussed. Jen questioned creating and customizing an evaluation specifically directed for results from our program rather than tweaking from an already crafted survey.
- Questions evolved included: What do we want to track? Who will participate in the survey?
- **Email Seneca your current evaluation protocol** and he will help create a template that all state YLF's can use.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 19, 2013 - 2:00pm Eastern,

Topic: Alumni Activities with Guest Speaker Betsy Valnes, Exec. Director NYLN

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