



On The Call:

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 **Announcement:** Before starting Dawn Evans, AYLF Chair announced the appointment of Erin McAloon as AYLF Secretary.

 **Opening Round:** Introductions sharing name, state, and what each person hopes that students will take home from the ylf.

- Everyone incorporated things such as leadership skills, advocacy skills, sense of community/family, confidence to meet the future, developing “your voice,” empowerment, learning who we are and understanding our abilities.

 **Approval of February Meeting Minutes:** Approved. No corrections made.


 **Changes in Leadership:** Everyone should review the bylaws.

- LaCandice McCray is no longer Chair of the AYLF. Dawn Evans is now the Chair, Seneca Sharp is the VP, Kara White is the Website liaison, Erin McAloon is the Secretary and the position of Treasurer is vacant.
- The treasurer duties include monthly Treasury Reports at the monthly meeting and check over the bank statement.
- Chase Bank is who the AYLF currently uses. They require changes to the account to be done in person and there is no physical location in Missouri and so Erin McAloon handled getting LaCandice off the account and getting herself added.
- Seneca Sharp is standing in as the treasurer currently but the AYLF will be looking for a new treasurer.

To do: Erin McAloon will email out the AYLF Treasurer position description.

- It is in the AYLF bylaws to have two ylf alumni serve on the AYLF Executive Committee.
- There will be a call-out for Alumni to participate in the monthly teleconferences and consistency to call in is a requirement.


To do: Erin McAloon will email out the AYLF Alumni Representative position description.

 **Teleconference Hosting:** Missouri will host the calls for quarter 2. Rachel (CA) offered to host quarter 3 and quarter 4.

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Fundraising (Originally Budgeting and Sustainability)

- Erin McAloon inquired about other YLF's using Crowdfunding Platforms to raise money.
- Daniel Hoffman (IN) explained that Crowdfunding is an internet based fundraising platform in which individual donors donate a small amount to get towards a larger goal. It can be shared on social media and depending on the platform, widgets can be embedded on websites.
- Jen Randle (OK) will email out a flowchart that allows you to decide which crowdfunding platform would be best.
- Including Alumni in the fundraising process, possibly to give a donation was brought up as an idea.
- Jen Randle (OK) shared Oklahoma's experience of sending out letters requesting donations. The first time they got little/no return but when they sent out letters requesting a specific amount they got better return.
- The idea was brought up to state where the ylf is money-wise, what they need and specific amounts needed.
- Stating what item the donation will purchase (example: \$10, buy a student a tshirt) is a good enticement to get donations. As is letting donors know exactly what there donation will do (example: \$1200, sponsor a student delegate).
- A question that was brought up was whether or not other states had alumni solicit for donations?
- Dawn Evans (MO) discussed that the alumni does want to be involved and she would like to see them be involved by raising \$\$, making presentations.
- Some donors want to know that their money is being used in their location and that can be challenging.
- It was suggested that money could be raised after selection and that way a donor would know a student selected from a certain area would benefit.
- Rachel (CA) explained that during the mentor luncheon CA has mentors pay for their own meal, which helps offset costs.
- It was also suggested that alumni possibly plan a fundraising mentor luncheon not during the forum to raise money.
- Carrie (KA) inquired about grants and whether other states took that route with their ylf..

 **Wrapping-up:** Dawn Evans went over the February 2014 statement and she will email out an account summary. The AYLF may look into another bank because Chase is not easy to work with.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April, 17th 2014 - 2:00pm Eastern. Scheduled Topic: YLF Planning Structures and Program Curriculum.

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