

On The Call:

Chris Bailey (IN), Katie Carroll (MD), Kara White (VA), Dawn Evans (MO), Anthony LaCava (FL), Cassandra Lokker (WI), Cindy Kirschman (SD), Jenifer Randle (OK), Melissa Santora (AZ), Rachel Kaplan (SC), Sierra Royster (NC), Whitney Harris (FL),

Minutes recorded by Cindy Kirschman.

 **Opening / Introduction:**

Whitney Harris, new youth representative introduced herself and talked about her involvement with YLF and reasons for desire to be on AYLF.

 **Approval of October Meeting Minutes:**

Minutes were approved.

 **Current Business:** None. **Financials:** Jen gave treasurer's report. Payment of \$20.00 was made to website manager. Balance is \$4249.57. **Topic: Strategic Planning Revisited.**

Dawn had emailed a document on a previous strategic planning process to all that had been developed by AYLF a few years ago. The components of this strategic plan, consisting of the following three main points, was reviewed & discussed.

1. YLF Tenets –

All agreed the 9 tenets listed were important and needed to be upheld in all states with YLF. Concerns regarding-1) providing accommodations with completing applications (spelling, grammar, oral answers, etc) are allowed and 2) possibly assuring that a percentage of staff/leaders would be younger (under 30?), 3) Assuring that all YLF activities and accommodations are inclusive and accessible to ALL participants.

2. Revision of Mission Statement -

Individuals present felt the mission statement was good, but possibly too 'wordy'.

- Proposed DRAFT: **The purpose of the Association of Youth Leadership Forums (AYLF) is to improve outcomes related to: employment, advocacy, leadership and community participation for transition-aged youth with disabilities in the United States. The AYLF promotes these goals by providing technical assistance and facilitating interstate collaboration in replicating the California Model Youth Leadership Forum (YLF) for students with disabilities throughout the United States and its territories.**

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- Members will email Dawn with revision suggestions by December 3.

3. Five Year Vision –

This vision was created by AYLDF members in 2011 and gave their vision of what they wanted AYLDF to be and what it should look like by 2016.

Committee members are encouraged to submit their opinions and ideas of additions/changes to these three components by Dec 3. Dawn will then send to the executive committee for their review. Along with the email to Dawn, she would like all to give input as to – As a member, what do you want from AYLDF?



Next Meeting Date:

Thursday, January 15 at 2:00pm Eastern. (Those present were in agreement to not meet in December due to scheduling difficulties.)



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