AYLF August 25, 2016

Meeting Minutes

On The Call:

Donna Foster (OH), Carrie Greenwood (KS), Whitney Harris (FL), Cameron Thaller (SC), Effy Francis (SC), Sierra Royster (NC/APRIL), Jenny Ostermiller (UT), Anthony La Cava (FL), Shannon Minnick (MD), Christina Mills (CA), Jen Randle (OK). Melissa Santora (AZ)

- Opening Round: What was the latest training you attended? Is anyone planning on attending the APRIL conference in October?
 - Latest Training: Carrie- Self Advocate Coalition Conference in Kansas, Whitney-Facilitator training at FL YLF, Sierra- Recreational Therapy Conference, Jenny- State IL Conference, Cameron- IL Drive, Effy- Assistive Technology mini training, Shannon-NCIL, Donna- Work Incentive Benefits, Anthony- Support Staff training FL YLF, Christina- Disabled and Proud Summits, Jen- Annual Person Centered Thinking Gathering
 - Attending APRIL: Whitney, Sierra, Jenny (bringing 6 youth), Melissa
 - Maybes: Donna, Anthony, Christina, Shannon
 - Executive Committee Introductions: Carrie Greenwood (Kansas), Whitney Harris (Florida), Jen Randle (Oklahoma), Anthony La Cava (Florida), Donna Foster (Ohio)

Minutes from May

- Donna sent out the May minutes
- Please review minutes and email Donna with any additions or corrections
- We will accept minutes on the September call

Ireasurer Report:

- One charge since last Treasurer's Report for website hosting
- \$3,513.97 in bank account

Mo State YLF Recaps

- How many applications did you receive?
 - o Kansas- 32-33
 - o Oklahoma- Close to 40
 - o South Carolina- 32-35
 - o North Carolina- 25-35
 - o Maryland- 27
 - o Utah-28
 - o Florida- about 80
 - **o** Ohio- 60
 - o Arizona- 26
- How many delegates attended?

- o Kansas-17
- o Oklahoma- 24
- o South Carolina- 32
- o North Carolina- 20
- o Maryland- 25
- o Utah-25
- o Florida- 48
- o Ohio- 51
- o Arizona- 20
- How many graduated at the end of the week?
 - o Kansas-17
 - O Oklahoma- 23
 - o South Carolina- 25
 - o North Carolina- 19
 - o Maryland- 25
 - o Utah- 24
 - o Florida- 45
 - **o** Ohio- 45
 - o Arizona- 20
- What is something new that you tried?
 - o Kansas- different theme, keynote speaker
 - o Oklahoma- Tried an Amazing Race activity throughout campus
 - South Carolina- Shaping project which was a forum long project about leadership development
 - North Carolina- Changed the schedule into a college format where they could pick their classes
 - o Maryland- Meeting up before YLF to interact on a challenge course
 - o Utah- New location, played the Jenga disability rights game
 - Florida- Facilitator training, privilege detector
 - Ohio- Each of the four regions of Ohio sent 15 applications, worked on a project throughout the weekend and presented at the end
- What is something that you learned?
 - o Kansas- Need a volunteer training before YLF
 - Oklahoma- The reality of fire drills
 - o South Carolina- First year running a YLF, so overall learning
 - North Carolina- Scheduling allowed delegates to have ownership of the week
 - o Maryland- First year running the YLF
 - Utah- Never to go back to the new location
 - o Florida- Joking about fire alarms
 - o Ohio- Received late applicants

- Arizona- The experience is much more enriching, the more Alumni are engaged in the planning and implementation of the YLF
- What is something that you were pleased about?
 - Kansas- The week went well, no major catastrophes, good mentors, Nina G was keynote
 - o Oklahoma- More legislators being involved
 - South Carolina- Over all a good forum
 - North Carolina- The alumni stepping up and helping to plan next year's forum
 - Maryland- The governor meet with the delegates and took pictures with them, delegates created testimonies and made a newscast
 - o Utah- Impressed with how much the delegates learned and grew
 - Florida- The facilitators and staff developing more training
 - o Ohio- Great delegates
 - Arizona- Our 11 (of 16) Alumni Staff really rocked it, especially with facilitating Person Centered Planning for each Delegate
- What is something that you were concerned about?
 - Kansas- Stronger cell phone policy, staff background check
 - Oklahoma- Boy to girl ratio, more volunteer training
 - o South Carolina- More training for peer staff, conduct interviews for delegates
 - o North Carolina- Transitioning away from the CIL running the YLF
 - o Maryland- No glitches
 - Utah- Cell phone problems with staff, poor support from the CILs
 - Florida- Kicking out support staff, Pokemon go issues
 - o Ohio- Had to send 4 delegates home
 - Arizona- There was another very large conference on Campus (300 youth), and we were concerned about those dynamics, specifically at mealtimes. The Campus was proactive in ensuring that we knew well ahead of time, and together we made accommodations and scheduling adjustments to mitigate the potential crowding and chaos. Thankfully, all went well!
- California did not have a YLF this past summer
- Jen wanted to know what you would plan in a potential second week of YLF? Please email your responses to her.

AYLF Newsletter

- We have done a newsletter that includes pictures and a few paragraphs about your state's YLF
- Please send your state's write up to Jenifer.Randle@okdhs.org
- DEADLINE: September 30th

Closing and Adjourn: Everyone was thanked for attending.

Meeting time: 2:00-3:08 p.m. EST Minutes recorded by Whitney Harris

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 22, 2016 at 2 pm Eastern Time