



# Association for Youth Leadership Forums

## Meeting Minutes

### December 20, 2018

#### **On The Call:**

Donna Foster (OH), Whitney Harris (FL), Anthony La Cava (FL), Jen Randle (OK), Emily Beasley (SC), Zak Ford (CA), Rachel Rackers (MO), Jami Davis (ID), Carrie Greenwood (KS), Yvette Wingfield-Woodley (VA), Elijah Fagan-Solis (NY), Alexis Nichols (VA)

- **Opening Round:** – Are your applications for YLF available now?
  - Donna- Ohio is still working on their application
  - Emily- They went online yesterday
  - Zach- Delegate app has been up for a few months and staff has been up for one month
  - Rachel- Applications have been extended into 2019
  - Jami- Delegate applications are not up
  - Carrie- First deadline was December 15, so the application has been extended
  - Jen- Applications are out
  - Anthony- Delegates apps will be going live in January
  
- **Minutes to be approved**
  - Minutes- November minutes have not been completed but will be available in January
  
- **Treasurer Update**
  - \$5,545.77 in the bank account.
  - No changes to report for December
  
- **Discussion: YLF Agendas from last month and new topic recurring. Questions to consider: How have you tweaked the original California YLF model? What things have you kept the same as the model? What things have you added to enhance your program? What things (activities, speakers, etc.) have worked for you in the past? What things have not worked? How do you recruit delegates? What are your timelines for applications, etc?**
  - Zach- California sent in their agenda after the last meeting in November. Zach went over the agenda and the few changes they anticipate for 2019.
  - Jami- The delegates were charged for rent, food, internet, etc. and they had the option to buy insurance. This was their first year in which they only had 10 delegates. Delegates got to spend three hours with their career mentor. The financial management was very hands on, bills were used based off of staff's own bills.
  - Elijah- NY has a parent component that helps to educate parents/caregivers. They use the same agenda for each of their events. They incorporate a lot of activities that a traditional YLF has into their 4 day agenda. They complete the PLPs all at once. NY throws out graduation caps during their ceremony (he believes they are from Graduation Source but will send out their supplier).

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- Yvette and Alexis from VA explained what last year's agenda looked like for 2018. VA does their YLF every other year and will not have one in 2019.
- **Members of the Executive Team**
  - Currently looking for volunteers to fill Treasurer and Secretary positions. Anyone interested should reach out to Donna Foster.
- **Newsletter**
  - This will be discussed on the January call.
- **Closing**
  - The next call will be Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. EST

**Meeting time: 2:03-3:06 p.m. EST**

**Minutes recorded by Whitney Harris, AYLFS Secretary**

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