

## PALS PLUS YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES: 2020

The Youth Services Committee meeting called to order at Totowa Public Library .

on January 27, 2020 at 10:10 AM, by Linda Belen .  
Date Time Chairperson

### Present:

Linda Belen	<u>Y</u>	Luca Manna	<u>Y</u>
Caitlin Cromley-Linn	<u>Y</u>	Heather Nilsen	<u>Y</u>
Phil Deckers	<u>Y</u>	Donna O'Hanlon	<u>Y</u>
Melissa Dunn	<u>Y</u>	Annemarie Shapiola	<u>Y</u>
Monica Galiano	<u>Y</u>		

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (There were no minutes taken in December)

Month of \_\_\_\_\_ Motion by \_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ Approved Yes\_\_\_ No \_\_\_

### **New Business:**

#### **Ideas for 2020 Workshops:**

The meeting began with the committee reviewing the PALS Plus charges for the year, which include holding workshops and providing information sources to staff working with children. The committee discussed several ideas for workshops. Annemarie mentioned doing something for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Earth Day. Linda suggested having a workshop on LGBTQ+ issues related to library services, including possibly having a speaker come and talk on the subject and as well as having the committee create a list of the LGBTQ+ books and resources. Another topic that the committee talked about was burnout and how to avoid feeling burn out especially related to storytimes. Special needs storytime was also brought up by Phil as a possible topic for a workshop.

#### **Sharing Storytime Resources:**

The committee discussed the idea of trying to create resources that can be shared between libraries for storytimes. Heather stated that she is having success using boardbook sets from Little Falls for her choral readings at her baby storytimes. Linda would like to try and create lists of resources and/or storytime kits that can be shared between libraries and facilitate easier storytime planning.

#### **Summer Reading 2020 Prep:**

Committee members are already planning for Summer Reading 2020. It was agreed that the resources, such as the manual, posters and prizes, for this year are disappointing compared to previous years.

**2020 Meeting Dates:**

Linda handed out a list of possible meeting dates for 2020. It was discussed if the meeting could be held on another day of the week besides Wednesday to try and possibly accommodate other people who would like to join. However, Monday is still the only day that the majority of the committee members can meet due to storytime scheduling conflicts.

Adjournment: Motion by Linda Belen Time 11:20 AM  
Seconded by Heather Nilsen

Submitted by Melissa Dunn