

PALS PLUS YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES: 2021

The Youth Services Committee meeting was called to order on Zoom on February 22, 2021 at
Date

10:03 AM, by Linda Belen.
Time Chairperson

Present:

Linda Belen	<u>Y</u>	Luca Manna	<u>Y</u>
Sara Rappa	<u>Y</u>	Healthier Nilsen	<u>N</u>
Phil Deckers	<u>Y</u>	Donna O'Hanlon	<u>N</u>
Melissa Dunn	<u>Y</u>	Denise Carrozza	<u>N</u>
Monica Galiano	<u>N</u>	Kristen Churchill	<u>Y</u>
Annemarie Shapiola	<u>Y</u>	Aleksandra Brittain	<u>Y</u>

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Month of January 2021 Motion by Linda Belen
Seconded by Melissa Dunn Approved Yes X No _

Old Business:

February Meet-Up Recap

The committee discussed the recent meet-up. Only one person not on the committee attended. Melissa suggested creating a questionnaire to see if people are interested in attending a meet-up going forward, as well as asking what times would be best to attract the most participants. Linda said she would create a questionnaire.

WPU Program

The WPU Virtual Art Program is coming up. Several libraries have gotten a few sign ups, but everyone is going to do a marketing push this week to try and get more children to sign up. Linda will check with Kristen Evangelista from William Paterson to make sure the links will be sent out with enough time.

New Business:

Summer Reading Workshop

The annual Summer Reading Workshop will be held on Friday, March 5th. It will be virtual and should be recorded so that those who cannot attend will be able to watch the workshop at any time.

Summer Reading Program Ideas

Linda asked if anyone was planning for Summer Reading. Phil mentioned the Imagine Summer Reading Facebook group as a good resource for ideas. Sara mentioned that she attended a ReadSquared webinar where it was noted that ReadSquared will be offering virtual storytimes geared to the tails/tales theme. Linda said that Little Falls will be doing socially-distanced,

outdoor programs, as patrons are eager to attend in-person programs when the weather improves. Aleksandra said that Ringwood will be doing a socially-distanced, outdoor summer reading kick-off with a local animal rescue group. Linda mentioned that Sciencetellers is providing materials for library staff to do their own science program.

Shared Programs

The committee has a Google drive for sharing resources. Linda posted D&D games, as well as the winter-themed bingo boards Melissa created. The Miss Jolie shared programs, organized by Kristen, have been very successful. Linda talked about the new Shared Services Committee she is a part of, noting that the members of that committee have different ideas about what shared services means. The idea for an author visit with Chris Crutcher as a shared program is in the works.

Other Business:

Read Across America was discussed. Sara said Woodland Park teamed up with principals and students to create videos of stories being read. Linda said Little Falls is also working with the schools on author visits and story readings.

Libraries are planning for Maker's Day by doing different STEM and STEAM activities. Aleksandra mentioned that Ringwood will be giving small tours of their new makerspace

Adjournment: Motion by Linda Belen Time 11:18 AM

Respectfully submitted by Melissa Dunn