

PALS PLUS YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES: 2021

The Youth Services Committee meeting was called to order on Zoom

on March 22, 2021 at 10:30 AM, by Linda Belen.
Date Time Chairperson

Present:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Month of February 2021 Motion by Linda Belen _____

Seconded by Annemarie Shapiola Approved Yes X No

Old Business:

Youth Services Meet-Ups

Linda got very little response from YS Contacts as to whether they wanted to have Meet-ups quarterly on specific topics, rather than monthly meetups. In thinking further about this, she came up with the idea of doing Pop-Up Workshops - each committee member presenting a different program idea (about 15 minutes long) to YS Contacts periodically throughout the summer. Do 2 – 1 in the morning and 1 in the afternoon. It doesn't have to be just programming. It could be anything that you think would be of interest to the YS librarians. Aleksandra suggested maybe doing them every couple of weeks up to June. Linda will send the idea out to other committee members during the week. She would like each committee member to send her their idea by Friday so she could begin scheduling them, as the Summer Reading Program is approaching fast!

New Business:

Combining Youth Services and Teen Services Committees

Linda suggested combining the Teen Services Committee with the Youth Services Committee as many of the committee members are doing both. Luca thought it might be better to keep both committees separate as they have completely different audiences.

WPU Programs

William Paterson would like to do another program with the libraries in May, with the theme of Earth Day. Since very few children read the book last time, they thought that this time they would try doing something with the younger children – K – 3rd Grade– reading them a story

and doing an art project, and another 1 for Grade 4 – Up. The book would not be something on Hoopla as it is too restrictive.

Programming

Virtual vs. In-Person Programs and Inside vs. Outside Programs were discussed. Linda B. said that most people no longer want virtual programs. They are ready for In-Person Programs. Paterson Public Library has had great success with their Make & Take Kits and will continue to that throughout the summer.

Shared Program Committee

Linda is also on this committee but she stated that the focus seems to be mostly on Adult programs.

The next Youth Services Committee will be on April 26th at 10:30 A.M.

Adjournment: Motion by Linda Belen Time 11:25 AM

Respectfully submitted by Annemarie Shapiola