

YFS Quarter 2 Forum Meeting Minutes:

Meeting started at 2:00pm on April 11th 2024

Updates from Lisa Varga and April Watkins Meeting:

- Webpage for Youth and Family Services page has been updated to reflect new members
- Forum in the past has been responsible for training, providing professional training (not really doing anymore) because LVA semi took this over
- Question now is what should Youth and Family Services provide?
 - Podcast ideas
 - Tik-tok ideas
- Will be a follow up meeting next week with Lisa Varga
- April Watkins cannot attend council meeting next week and needs someone to potentially stand in for her or she will send her report in to be read to the council
- Discussed how members transfer power
 - Members have different roles and when a term is up the members transfer powers
 - Executive Committee:
 - Chair: April Watkins
 - Vice-chair/Chair- elect: Vacant
 - Secretary: Kat Seastead
 - Region 1 Representative: Rachel McEldowney
 - Region 2 Representative: Drew Meyer
 - Region 3 Representative: Sarah Jordan
 - Region 4 Representative: Vacant
 - Region 5 Representative: Dinah King Carter
 - Region 5 Representative: Greg Fahey
 - Region 6 Representative: Vacant
 - Social Media: Taylor Foreman
 - Possible change of by laws to reflect that we want people to engage as representatives rather than only coming from specific regions
 - Possible change to the name of representatives to Forum Region Representative instead of just Region number Representative
 - Forum Representative that is in this Region

How to move forward:

- **Idea of asynchronous information on a main platform that everyone uses**
 - Basecamp not used by everyone but paid for by VLA for all the forums
 - Members clicks also available
 - Facebook also available is more in engagement
 - Instagram also available but not interactive compared to Facebook
- Regional meet ups

- Not well attended
- How do we potentially set up regional meetups
 - Could send out member clicks information
 - Could ask to send out through VLA
- Add marketing to these meetings
- **Should we potentially change the meeting name from regional meetings to something around a theme**
 - One or two people should moderate meeting rather than regional meetings
- Newsletter potential spread of information/training
 - Post Summer Reading Challenge
 - Summer Reading theme
 - Sue from LVA could come to discuss how they're supporting us
 - Sue from LVA could come to discuss themes
 - Rural libraries
 - Asking for others ideas of themes
 - Using VLA's google form for information/survey

August meeting with Forum Members:

- Meeting theme potential in September: SRC themed
 - Successes/Failures
 - Promote November meeting
 - Create survey for meeting topics in 2025
- Meeting theme potential in November: VLA Post Conference
- Meeting dates
 - September
 - November

Meetings going forward:

- Bi-monthly meetings
 - 6 meetings a year
- Figure out themes and then pair people up for themes

Meeting Wrap-ups:

- April will meeting with Lisa to discuss above
- Drew Meyer will discuss with Lisa about changing by-laws before next meeting
- Next meeting will be to determined once April has her meeting with Lisa
- Tentative meeting date is July 25th @ 2:00pm
- April will put up her meeting notes with Lisa on Basecamp and Email chain