

NHLA - Reference and Adult Services Section
READS Executive Board
Local Government Center
Library Room
Meeting Minutes
Friday, September 18, 2015

Present: Mathew Bose, Caitlin Stevens, Rebekka Mateyk, Katherine Dormody, Rebecca Crockett, Diane Mayr

Absent: Kersten Matera, Corinne Chronopoulos, Kate Thomas

Call to Order: Rebecca Crockett called the meeting to order at 10:10 am.

Approval of Minutes: Katherine Dormody MOVED to accept minutes Mathew Bose seconded with an edit of the June 19, 2015 minutes. MOTION passed.

Treasurer's Report: The current status of the budget was discussed. EventKeeper expense \$475 and membership \$30 income.

Executive Board Reports

President's Report: There was no report. The content of the READS business meeting for October 26 at the NELA/NHLA meeting was discussed.

Vice President: The publicity role is being combined with the VP role. It will be presented at the next business meeting. She shared the information on her Survey of Senior Service project.

Publicity Report: Rebecca Crockett has been asked to look into items that could be sold as a fundraiser. There is a minimum purchase to get the cost down. There was a question about the basket raffle. There was an idea to raffle maple syrup. She will order supplies for the conference if they are needed.

Membership: There was no report.

Programming: There was no report. We are trying to get prepared for the READS table.

READS-to-Go: There are 150 sponsored kit titles; 147 of those are processed and listed in the NHU-PAC. We held our quarterly committee meeting on 9/14 and continued our vetting of titles, discussed changes to the committee and were updated on the progress on KitKeeper. There are six committee members. There have been some committee changes.

Kitkeeper: Pam Burch sent in a report saying she spoke with the vendor, EventKeeper, on Friday (9/11) and a few remaining fixes will be made and tested before instructions can be sent to kit holders. The kits are entered but there are questions on training. We are in contact with the company to learn when the system will be configured. There are training videos available. The instructions for the site will have to be written.

Past President: A winner has been selected for the READS Award of Excellence, Sandy Whipple of Goffstown Public Library. We had four strong nominations this year so it was very difficult to pick one winner. Sandy is the outreach coordinator and has participated in many community initiatives including barn dances, community discussions about bullying, projects involving multi-generations, and the Human Library Project with the local high school and UNH at Manchester. She is visionary, energetic and passionate about her role and Goffstown has benefited from the services provided by her and the library.

READS will reimburse the conference fee and the winner will receive a \$100 gift certificate to the NH Craftsman Guild. The names of the four nominees will be announced at the annual business meeting. Information on why they were nominated will go into the newsletter and the Granite State newsletter.

Conference Committee Liaison: Caitlin Stevens reported that the conference schedule is set for 1:45pm Monday Oct. 26. The programming committee will organize the READS table at the conference. An email will go out about manning the READS table.

Old Business

There is no old business.

New Business:

The executive committee ballot was discussed. Nancy Miner Smith received 96% of the votes for Vice President/President-Elect and Kersten Matera received 96% for the secretary position. The winners will be announced at the business meeting.

READS is looking for a new membership chair.

There was discussion about the number of annual READS meetings and whether NHLA will have a Spring conference.

Adjourn: Rebecca Crockett MOVED to adjourn the meeting, MOTION passed. Adjourned the meeting at 11:10 am.

Next READS Executive Board meeting: The Annual Business Meeting will be Monday, October 26 at 1:45 pm. at the NELA/NHLA Conference in Manchester

Respectfully submitted,

Rebekka Mateyk
READS Secretary