

READS Annual Business Meeting
READS Fall Conference
Hooksett Library
September 23, 2016

[READS President, Nancy Smith Miner welcomed about 98 to the Fall Conference.]

Call to Order: READS President Nancy Smith Miner called the Annual Meeting to order at 12:49 pm.

A motion was made by Tricia Quinn to accept the minutes from last year's meeting. The motion was seconded by Dana Donnavon. The motion was voted on and was approved.

Changes in the Board this year: Nancy explained that our President, Rebecca Crockett and Past President, Corinne Chronopoulos both resigned this year. As per our bylaws, Nancy (then the Vice-President/President-Elect) stepped into the role of President. A special election was held to install a new Vice-President/President Elect. Beverly Pietlicki from the Josiah Carpenter Library thus became our new Vice-President/President Elect. Myra Emmons and Katherine Dormody generously stepped in to share the Past President duties. Nancy thanked the Board for all their support during this tumultuous time.

Annual Reports: Annual Reports for each committee can be found on our website. This year Nancy compiled a general Annual Report which included information from all committees. Copies of this Annual Report are available at the back table. Things we worked on this year included branding READS and enlivening READS.

KitKeeper: This year's biggest endeavor has been our KitKeeper project. In an attempt to make the availability of kits accessible at any time to all NH libraries, we have secured a contract with KitKeeper. This software will allow libraries to reserve kits, manage their libraries reservations, and check the availability of kits held by other libraries. This will make READS-TO-GO easier.

The Logo Contest: We are currently also in the midst of a Logo contest. In an effort to brand ourselves and represent READS with a more meaningful logo, we are having a logo contest. Details can be found on our blog/website. Everyone is encouraged to submit an idea for the Logo contest. The submission doesn't have to be camera-ready or perfect. We are looking for ideas and a visual way to define ourselves. Submissions can be sent to Kersten.

Adult Programming Page: Another initiative this year is to build a central place to list successful adult programs. On our website (under the Resources tab/Library Programs for Adults) – there's a form you can fill out about programs and speakers you've had in your library. Other NH libraries can use this as a resource in finding vetted library programs.

Call for volunteers: Nancy talked about the networking opportunities which are available to those who volunteer to be part of the READS Board or a READS Committee. We are looking for people for our Program Committee – we'd love to do more on Facebook and connect with members during the year – anyone interested can sign up in the back.

Miscellaneous: Round tables this year were about marketing and spreading the news in the 21 century library. Notes on the Roundtables can be found on our website. We have 15 new members this year for a total of 190 members. READS-TO-GO has 160 kits now – and the big news is that KitKeeper is almost ready to go live.

The Award of Excellence: Myra (Past President) presented the 2016 READS Award of Excellence. We received a

number of nominations this year for librarians who went above and beyond. This year's nominations included:

Schuyler Selden Kingston (Community Library, Kingston)
Carolyn Crocker (Lebanon Public Libraries, Lebanon)
Nancy Norwalk (Philip Read Memorial Library, Plainfield)
Karen Frey (Nesmith Library, Windham)
Karen Ryan (Wiggin Memorial Library, Stratham)

Myra and group gave all nominees a round of applause. Myra thanked the nominators who took the time to fill out all the paperwork. Our winner this year is Karen Frey from Nesmith Library.

Meeting adjourned at 1:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kersten Matera
READS Secretary