

# READS

REFERENCE AND ADULT SERVICES SECTION

READS Executive Board  
Meeting place: LGC

**Meeting Minutes**  
Friday, March 10, 2017

**Present:** Emily Weiss, Kersten Matera, Mathew Bose, Nancy Smith Miner, Eileen Gilbert, Myra Emmons, Diane Mayr

**Absent:** Beverly Pietlicki, Caitlin Stevens

**Call to Order:** Nancy called the meeting to order at 10:01

**Approval of Minutes:** With a couple minor adjustments. Nancy MOVED to accept minutes, Mat seconded. MOTION passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Membership has picked up – deposited \$455.00 from Membership. Mat submitted the budget for the next fiscal year. The biggest change is bumping up the budget for the Fall Conference to \$1750. We discussed if that's enough for food, venue, and speakers. The past two Fall Conferences have paid for themselves in registration. We are going to bump it up to \$2500. Plymouth Rocket is going to keep their software at \$475 next year as well. With the change to the Fall Conference, Mat will send budget to Cara.

Marilyn Borgendale noticed we made a donation to another non-profit and didn't think that was legal. Cara is getting in touch with the IRS to see if it's legal. We made this donation to honor a long-time member, Tricia Quinn.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

**President's Report:** Nancy went to the NHLA ITS meeting. Peggy Thrasher gave a workshop tips and practices to use Excel to help tame your data (she's doing an Extreme Excel workshop at their Spring meeting). Regarding the DPLA – the cost of joining the DPLA is pretty staggering (\$10K annual fee to join). When NH joins, we want the entire state to join. This requires a platform, someone to manage the metadata, etc. Since UNH and Dartmouth are already running digital collections, they are getting together to discuss those details. Someday there will be a NH portal, but it will be a while before that happens.

Notes from the NHLA meeting: Michael York talked about the governor proposing that the library be put under the Department of Culture and Resources. He has also proposed a new automation system for the state.

Nancy challenged us to come up with concrete ideas for how we can promote libraries as a line of defense against media manipulation/fake news. This idea is also being discussed at ALA as one of the initiatives we can undertake when planning for the future. Children's librarians will want to be increasing their efforts to help students discern this. It's Important for libraries to take a stand and create this culture in our libraries. What are some concrete ideas we can implement in our libraries?

**Vice President:** Absent

**Membership:** As of yesterday we have 128 members who renewed. There are 27 pending renewals. Emily will be contact people who haven't renewed and also send a welcome to people who have.

**Programming:** Eileen is using Wild Apricot for the READS Roundtable registration. Registration is going well – Hooksett is full and there are 8-12 attendees registered at the other three Roundtables. Discussion Coordinators and Administration Coordinators are set for all events. The only thing needed is to coordinate coffee/snacks for events. Nancy mentioned that kind of stuff is good to put in the Transition Guide.

The Programming Committee met two weeks ago – they talked about the Fall Conference. Eileen has been looking at a couple of locations for the Fall Conference. Two possible: NH Audubon in Manchester and the McLane Audubon Center in Concord. The last few years we've had over 100. The cost for each venue was between \$700-900. Trying to keep it down to 2 speakers we have to pay (local authors or out of state) – and then 2 more sessions planned with non-paid speakers. The Programming Committee is considering Robin Brenner to present on graphic novels in libraries.

Additional topics of interest include: making databases attractive to patrons and De-Dewify and an old-fashion book talk. Currently the programming committee has four members: Amanda (Laconia), Maria (Windham), and Nicole (Concord).

**READS-to-Go:** Nothing new to report – keep adding kits. READS-to-Go will be doing two sessions at the conference in May: a general book discussion (Thursday) and a KitKeeper demonstration (Friday).

**Past President:** No report.

**Conference Committee Liaison:** Absent, but sent along report. Caitlin needs another person for a Readers' Advisory panel (Kersten going to get in touch with Carol Eyman and the Reading Radar). Could someone from NE Massachusetts come and contribute? - Or someone with a focus on audiobooks?

Sadly, this will be Caitlin's last year as Conference Liaison.

**Public Relations chair:** Absent/Vacant

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**NELLS Conference:** Is there a way that NHLA could send more people to NELLS? - It feels like we need to establish more leaders in the state and that is one of the purposes of NELLS. (How much does NELLS cost per participant and who pays for that?)

**NH Library programs on our Website:** About a year ago, we encouraged NH libraries to submit reviews of library programs and speakers which have visited/presented at libraries. The hope was to collect this information in one place instead of using the NHais Listserve. Despite intense efforts, getting NH libraries to submit reviews through our website has not proven successful. Libraries located in the Northeast part of MA have a password-protected database with program and speaker reviews. Nancy and Mat are going to look at this database and see if it's something we could replicate. Maybe the ITS group could help us out with technology/platform ideas?

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**KitKeeper update:** The KitKeeper flyer has a new logo and different wording on it. It will cost \$25-30 to print and \$15 for the labels from the State Library. Mat will make copies for NH Libraries and then also 200 or so for distribution at Conferences. Emily sent a rough draft of KitKeeper user instructions to Brianna.

**Adjourn:** Nancy MOVED to adjourn the meeting, Emily seconded. MOTION passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

**Next READS Executive Board meeting:** May 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kersten Matera  
READS Secretary