

READS Annual Business Meeting
READS Fall Conference
Hooksett Library
Monday, October 26, 2015

[READS President Corinne Chronopoulos welcomed about 34 to the fall conference.]

Call to Order: READS President Corinne Chronopoulos called the Annual Meeting to order at 1:52 pm.

Introduction: The READS Executive Board is: President Rebecca Crockett, Treasurer Mathew Bose, Past President Corinne Chronopoulos, Programming Kate Thomas, RTG Diane Mayr, and Conference Liaison Caitlin Stevens. Nancy Smith Miner from Durham Public Library, Vice-President/President-Elect and Kersten Matera from Nashua Public Library, Secretary.

Election Results:

Nancy Miner Smith for Vice President/President-Elect had 71 votes with a 97% response ratio. Kersten Matera for Secretary had 71 votes with a 97% response ratio. The ballot was sent via email through Constant Contact and paper ballots were sent to members without email addresses.

Review of Minutes: Corinne Chronopoulos asked members in attendance to review the minutes from the September 19, 2014 Annual Meeting. Jen Gallagher of Weymouth Public Library MOVED to accept the minutes as written, seconded by MJ Wright of Wayland Public Library, MOTION passed.

Annual Reports: Corinne Chronopoulos noted that copies of the READS Annual Reports of the Executive Board and Committees were available at the registration table, and invited members present to review them. Annual reports and the Annual Business Meeting minutes were sent to members via email and on the READS website prior to today's meeting. Corinne mentioned the Kitkeeper software for the READS-To-Go kits will be launched soon. We want to thank Pam Burch and the RTG Committee for their assistance. The committee is working on the roundtable presentation takeaways.

New Business:

Katherine Dormody presented the READS Award of Excellence. The nominees were Pam Zyma, E. Gilbert, and S. Whipple. The Award was given to S. Whipple. At the READS annual business meeting held at NELA this year on Monday, October 26, Sandy Whipple received the READS Award of Excellence. Sandy is the Adult Services and Outreach Coordinator at the Goffstown Public Library.

The purpose of the READS award is to recognize outstanding contributions by an individual who has been instrumental in improving library services to adults. The Award is given out yearly at the READS Business meeting.

Sandy is the first outreach coordinator at the Goffstown Public Library and has blazed the trail making a model for others in her role. She has worked tirelessly to seek out new partnerships and opportunities to enhance library services and has participated in implementing many community-wide projects such as barn dances, community discussions on bullying, spearheading the Goffstown Area Deployed Family Support Group, hosting a Vietnam moving Wall and becoming a partner in the Human Library Project with the local high school and UNH Manchester.

In the nomination for this award, Sandy is described as “visionary, energetic and passionate about her role at the library and has a can-do attitude with no fear an idea may not be successful.” Congratulations, Sandy Whipple!

Sandy’s comments about receiving the award:

"Being the recipient of this award is an honor of epic proportions, especially for someone like myself, who arrived in libraryland as somewhat of an accidental tourist. But I could not begin to do what I do without the support of an incredibly talented and creative staff who embrace my kind of crazy. We may be small but we are mighty! We are short on space and funding but we are HUGE on heart and our sense of humanity. And at the helm is our fearless leader, Dianne Hathaway, who has the confidence and conviction to empower us to color outside the lines. It is an honor, privilege and joy to do what I do each and every day. Being recognized for doing what I love is kind of like pouring hot fudge sauce on top of an already delicious scoop of ice cream. It makes it that much more sweet and wonderful!"

Corinne Chronopoulos discussed that the proposal that the PR Coordinator responsibilities be part of the Vice President/President Elect responsibilities. Corinne Chronopoulos moved to accept the proposal, seconded by Mat Bose.

Old Business: No old business.

Rebecca Crockett introduced Jennifer Pigza. Corinne Chronopoulos adjourned the meeting at 1:58 pm. to listen to Jennifer Pigza presentation on Bibiocrafting.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebekka Mateyk
READS Secretary