

NHLA - Reference and Adult Services Section
READS Executive Board
Local Government Center
Profile Room
Friday, November 15, 2013

Present: Lori Fisher, Cathy Vincevic, Diane Mayr, Carol Roberts, Corinne Chronopoulos, Deann Hunter, Kersten Matera, Caitlin Stevens

Absent: Myra Emmons, Katherine Dormody

Call to Order: President Cathy Vincevic called the meeting to order at 9:44 am.

Approval of Minutes: Deann Hunter MOVED to accept minutes of the August 16, 2013 meeting. MOTION passed.

Treasurer's Report: Deann Hunter presented income and expense report and balance sheet. There was little income since last report, Fall registrations deposited. Two expenses were noted for Fall program; deposit for facility and READS TO GO labels.

Executive Board Reports

Interim President's Report: Cathy Vincevic thanked everyone for their support. She enjoyed her time with the READS organization.

Vice President: Corinne Chronopoulos had no report.

Publicity Report: Lori Fisher discussed her report including the supply inventory. Everyone liked the new pens.

Membership: Kersten Matera reported we ended the year with 212 members. A newsletter will be sent out at the end of the year.

Programming: Carol Roberts discussed two surveys; paralibrarians and a full conference survey. We received 62 responses to the paralibrarian survey. The full conference survey had a 45% return rate.

READS-to-Go: Diane Mayr provided a written report. There are 115 titles in the system and three were added.

Past President: Myra Emmons was absent. Cathy presented her report.

Conference Committee Liaison: Caitlin Stevens did not have anything to report.

Old Business

Conference wrap-up: There was no report.

Roundtable Topics: Discussed technology topics for staff development, support from NHLA-ITS group, and Techsoup.org. Could this topic be part of NHLA. Caitlin Stevens is going to contact the NHLA two day conference chair to find out details about money and theme, keynote. READS was asked to do five sessions. A deadline of December 6, 2013 will be requested.

New Business: Proposal to change the 2014 annual READS conference date from Fall 2014 to Spring 2015. It was suggested that September 15 or the last week in September might work well. The election may have to change if the date changes. Mary Cronin shared the Bylaw dates for elections may have to be considered if the conference date is changed.

Proposal to change the Roundtables from Spring 2015 to Fall beginning 2015. Lori Fisher said the Roundtables are established and did not think it was a good idea to change the Roundtables. It will be recommended that Roundtables will stay where they are.

Exploring a paraprofessionalship program for NHLA: Encourage the group that is interested in the program to meet to discuss this project. Carol Roberts will contact the people on the list from the survey to see who is interested. Ask Barbara Prince and Linda Taggart. Would the Trustee Association be interested in this topic. It may be good to introduce the topic to the Trustee Association.

NHLA Spring Conference program ideas: We will discuss this after we hear from NHLA.

Kersten Matera set a December 13, 2013 deadline for the newsletter.
Roundtable dates and locations will be discussed at the next meeting.

Next READS Executive Board meeting: Friday, January 17 at 9:30 am.

Adjourn: Carol Roberts MOVED to adjourn the meeting, MOTION passed. Cathy Vincevic adjourned the meeting at 11:32 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebekka Mateyk
READS Secretary