

NHLA - Reference and Adult Services Section
READS Executive Board
Local Government Center
Profile Room
Friday, January 16, 2015

Present: Rebecca Crockett, Mathew Bose, Kersten Matera, Caitlin Stevens, Rebekka Mateyk, Diane Mayr

Absent: Myra Emmons, Carol Roberts, Corinne Chronopoulos, Katherine Dormody, Mary Cronin

Call to Order: Rebecca Crockett called the meeting to order at 10:07 am. It was noted we did not have a quorum.

Approval of Minutes: Mathew Bose MOVED to accept minutes Kersten Matera seconded with an edit of the November 21, 2014 minutes. MOTION passed.

Treasurer's Report: If anyone has input. Two checks were written. Balance is \$3653.

Added an agenda item to old business to discuss the merging of the publicity chair position with the Vice President position.

Executive Board Reports

President's Report: NELA is October 25-27, 2015 in Manchester, NH.

Vice President: There was no report.

Publicity Report: There was no report.

Membership: Kersten Matera reported we are currently using Wild Apricot. We had 77 member renewals last year. The end of January or early February a renewal notice will be sent out.

Programming: The spring Roundtables have been announced. They will take place on March 12, March 16, April 8 and April 13.

READS-to-Go: Diane Mayr provided a written report. They added 4 kits to make a total of 141 kits. Their Facebook page had 134 likes. There was a Kitkeeper demo in December.

Past President: Myra Emmons was absent. No report was presented.

Conference Committee Liaison: Caitlin Stevens will be attended the joint NELA/NHLA

Committee meeting. It was requested that we find out how we can contribute unique topics for the conference. She will find out how many programs READS will be asked to contribute.

Old Business

CEUs: Carol Roberts is looking into how to provide certificates program attendees. This is relevant due to the interest in the Paralibrarian section.

READS-To-Go Kits discussion: There was a favorable review of Kitkeeper by those who attended the demo. The starting price is \$475 per year. There should be more discussion with the company about specific parameters required to circulate the kits and if it would meet our needs. The RTG Committee should discuss this to see if the software will meet their needs. Merrimack Valley Library currently uses Kitkeeper. It may be helpful to talk with them about how they like the software.

Kitkeeper will require uploading the current kits, keeping library emails updated, and a main contact person for Kitkeeper and for the libraries to get access to the software. Kersten Matera volunteered to be the contact person initially.

Publicity Chair position: Should the publicity chair be merged with the Vice President position or should it continue to be separate. If the position is merged we would need to change the by laws. The publicity chair reports on inventory of supplies and other responsibilities. Rebecca is willing to be publicity chair.

New Business:

Brainstorm NHLA/NELA program ideas: How to Serve Patrons: Moral vs. Professional Decisions; Internet Privacy; How to serve your patrons with the latest technology within Town parameters; Circulating unique/special collections: Lego kits, cake pans, seed libraries, organizing/preserving local history collection, ice skates, outdoor backpack kits, science kit (fossils, bug collecting), microscope, etc.; How to Festival: how to make fabric flowers, how to get your article published, how to sell on e-bay; Bibliocraft book - crafts based on library resources. Swap table or library Freecycle table for craft supplies, labels; Subject organization of the non-fiction collection, separating neighborhoods like poetry, travel, graphic novels; STEM: adult and kid programs, how do adults fit into Makerspace; library marketing how-to and short cuts with minimal time and resources; How to provide reference services in the digital age, what is the core reference collection, paper and digital; downloadable books.

Next READS Executive Board meeting: Friday, February 20 at 10:00 am.

Adjourn: Kersten Matera MOVED to adjourn the meeting, MOTION passed. Adjourned the meeting at 11:20 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebekka Mateyk
READS Secretary