

READS

REFERENCE AND ADULT SERVICES SECTION

READS Executive Board
Local Government Center

Meeting Minutes

Friday March 18, 2016 – Virtual Meeting

Present: Rebecca Crockett, Nancy Smith Miner, Caitlin Stevens, Emily Weiss, Kersten Matera, Mathew Bose

Absent: Kate Thomas, Diane Mayr, Corinne Chronopoulos

Call to Order: Rebecca called the meeting to order at 10:07

Approval of Minutes: Emily MOVED to approve the minutes from the January 22, 2016 meeting as presented. Nancy seconded. MOTION passed.

Treasurer's Report: Prior to our meeting, Mat sent out the proposed annual budget for 2016-2017. It is pretty much the same as last year. There was a question about raising the line for the Fall Conference. As last year, this year's Fall Conference will take place at the Hooksett Public Library. We decided to go with the budget as it is. The READS-To-Go budget line was bumped up with the assumption that we were going to continue subscription to Kit Keeper.

Emily made a MOVED to reduce the Membership line item to \$20. Nancy seconded the motion. MOTION passed. The Board approved the budget and we are sending it off to NHLA with that one change.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

President's Report:

Social Media - NHLA is going to be using the NELA policy as a framework for social media.

Go-To Meeting software - NHLA is possibly going to get a license to Go-To Meeting. If they do, we may be able to use it as well.

Senior Services in NH Libraries - As a follow-up to Ann Hooey's visit at the last meeting, she is putting together a task force to further explore Senior Services. They are hoping to schedule an event in May.

Kit Keeper – a lot of the work has been done to enter all the libraries and their READS-To-Go holdings. We still don't know the best way to communicate with the kit keeping libraries. Is there a master list of READS-To-Go libraries? If there were, we could just work with those people. Rebecca is going to check with Diane. If Diane doesn't have one, we should create one. If there is no list, Nancy will do the leg work to create a master list.

There was discussion about admin training for Kit Keeper. It's got a robust back end; too many people exploring could be problematic. Rebecca will talk to the Kit Keeper representative to see if we can have another admin training section for a core group of people can be trained.

Vice President:

READS Logo contest - There are hundreds of online logo contests for professionals to submit logos, but our contest will be designed for librarians to submit logos. This is another way to get members involved and more aware of what READS does. Should only READS members submit them? We could reveal the logo at the Fall conference. We talked about possible prizes including a free conference, or a lifetime membership to READS. This contest is just for the design idea for a logo. Submissions don't have to have to have a professional level of graphic design or fulfill technical requirements (e.g. vectors vs. pixels), we could have someone else polish it up.

Do we need to check with NHLA to see if we can have our own logo? Rebecca will inquire with Jenn Hosking. Nancy is going to start promoting the idea, and, if she doesn't get enough interest, she'll see about maybe other methods – creating a video?

Membership:

Emily sent out a welcome email. We have 148 active members, 14 pending renewal, 57 lapsed. Kersten will log in to see if you can see the members who renewed NHLA, but did not renew READS.

Programming:

Not present

READS-to-Go:

Not present

Past President:

Not present

Conference Committee Liaison:

There are no NHLA events going on this year. Caitlin wondered if the READS members who have not yet renewed have also not renewed their NHLA membership because there is no conference this year?

Maybe there is no incentive to join NHLA this year? Is it cheaper to participate in READS activities as a non-member if that means you don't have to pay for an NHLA membership?

OLD BUSINESS

Spring Roundtables – the decision was already made that there would be an admissions cost.

Collective Repository - ITS (Information and Technology Section of NHLA) is exploring the idea of some place central to keep documents – e.g. Readers Advisory, reference tools, computer class materials, etc. One idea is to have a wiki attached to NHLA's site.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

Adjourn: Mat MOVED to adjourn the meeting, Nancy seconded. The MOTION passed. Adjourned the meeting at 10:46. Mat moved, Nancy seconded to end the meeting. Feedback on how the virtual session went and what the kinks were. Next time we meet in person.

Next READS Executive Board meeting: May 13, 2016 10:00 AM (LGC in Concord)

Respectfully submitted,

Kersten Matera
READS Secretary