

READS

REFERENCE AND ADULT SERVICES SECTION

READS Executive Board
Meeting place: LGC

Meeting Minutes - Draft Friday, July 14, 2017

Present: Emily Weiss, Kersten Matera, Mathew Bose, Nancy Miner Smith, Caitlin Loving, Myra Emmons, Eileen Gilbert, Scott Campbell

Absent: Beverly Pietlicki, Diane Mayr

Call to Order: Nancy called the meeting to order at 10:03

Approval of Minutes: Nancy MOVED to accept minutes from last meeting. Emily seconded. MOTION passed.

Treasurer's Report: \$70 of membership money. We are in good shape.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

President's Report:

The READS Board nominated Martha and Brianna to receive the Ann Geisel Award with NHLA. Nancy, Mat and Kersten submitted letters of support for the nomination.

Vice President: absent

Past President: We have not received any nominations this year. We are going to extend the due date until August 31. Emily will email members and Myra will post to NHAIS list. Also, a new plaque will need to be purchased this year.

Membership:

182 active members and 30 lapse members. Emily is going to take a look at why the members are lapse.

Programming:

Eileen passed around the schedule for the Annual Fall Meeting set for October 10 at the NH Audubon McLane Center. The focus is on local authors and collection development for local works. Eileen is still looking for someone to speak to the collection development angle. On the panel discussion we have an author and a librarian to talk about their Local Author days. Amherst is going to talk about displaying collections. Kelley Library is going to talk about doing away with Dewey. Registration will be open the last week of August.

There are presently 4 or 5 members on the Programming Committee right now. It would be great to have 1 or 2 more, but Eileen is happy with group she has.

Will we need to order more promotional items for the Fall Conference?

READS-to-Go: absent - sent along report

Public Relations: We are waiting for the website revamp. It would be good to have one, consolidated NHLA Facebook page (as opposed to the current setup where we have pages for READS and each section). NHLA has a new social media coordinator – Kim Gabert from Milford. Scott is going to talk to Kim to request he have admin privileges so he can post to the NHLA FB page too. It would be good to have a NHLA Facebook summit for NHLA and all sections.

Conference Committee Liaison: Caitlin attended a recap meeting for the NHLA Spring Conference. NHLA will be holding a conference every two years instead of every year. Caitlin is willing to stay on and guide her successor through the process of working with NHLA to represent READS at the next Spring Conference. We talked about the lack of funds for READS in planning programming for the Spring Conference. We sometimes encounter the complaint that we ask the same people to present at our conferences. On the other hand, it's difficult to ask people to present for no money. READS may want to consider that during the years in which NHLA has a conference, we scale back our READS Fall Conference so we can pay for some programs at NHLA's Spring Conference.

KitKeeper update: In May there were 88 reservations made. We talked about doing the video training session and Martha and Brianna were not able to find a date that would work for all of us. At some point Brianna and Martha would like to use Go-To Meeting to record a tutorial for the Board and, if it comes out well, using it as a training tool for other libraries. Martha and Brianna are going to put out another poll at the end of the month to try and coordinate the making of this video. After the training video is made, board members would go to Co-ops with some talking points and tools to give Co-op attendees. They would like to make short, specific videos, but that would be a second project.

OLD BUSINESS

Programming resources on READS page: Could an IT person from NHLA give us some advice on getting a database for this?

Transition guide: Nancy reminded us that, as we are working through our responsibilities for READS, to jot down details of what we have to do.

Ballots and bylaw changes: These need to go out August 11 – Nancy, Caitlin and Scott will be the Nominating Committee. We need a person who will stay around for three years for Vice President position. We need to double-check that it's only the Vice President position for which we are trying to find a nominee.

NEW BUSINESS

Prison Donation Program: Nancy is interested in starting a Prison Donation Program in NH. There is a Prison Donation Program in MA out of Quincy. NH counties may be able to use this as a model. This would be a great project for READS. Nancy is going to investigate and report on this next time.

Ordering supplies for Fall: If we don't have anything new by the beginning of September we'll use the last logo.

Calendar: Kersten will send out the 2018 schedule and Board can look at it and update the website accordingly.

Adjourn: Nancy MOVED to adjourn the meeting, Scott seconded. MOTION passed. Adjourned the meeting at 11:29

Next READS Executive Board meeting: September 8 - 10AM LGC.

Respectfully submitted,

Kersten Matera
READS Secretary