

READS

REFERENCE AND ADULT SERVICES SECTION

READS Executive Board
Meeting place: Bedford Public Library

Meeting Minutes - Draft
Friday, January 12, 2018

Present: Emily Weiss, Kersten Matera, Eileen Gilbert, Beverly Pietlicki

Absent: Caitlyn Loving, Diane Mayr, Betsy Solomon, Scott Campell

Call to Order: Beverly called the meeting to order at 10:17

Approval of Minutes: Emily MOVED to accept minutes Beverly seconded. MOTION passed.

Treasurer's Report: Discussion about the budget.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

President's Report: Regarding gathering information for February's newsletter: information about Roundtables (Eileen), list of blogs to follow (Mat), list new additions to READS-To-Go, highlight programs from the Adult Programming page and welcome new members and returning members. We will try to publish a newsletter in: February, April, June, August and September.

Is READS considering creating its own LISTSERVE? CHILIS and YALS has a LISTSERVE – but it isn't used that much. There is also the Downloadable Books list – most of the content on that end up on NHais too. It seems like we might want to create more specific Listserves but, then again, everyone seems to go to the NHais list. Would it be more work? Does it make sense to add another group? Table this discussion until another meeting.

Vice President: (absent)

Membership: Membership renewal is starting to happen.

Programming: October conference went well – food and location were beautiful. Attendance was low, but it was scheduled close to NELA. The committee is meeting next week. The Fall Conference is scheduled for October 12, 2018. It will focus on library spaces (e.g. Circulation Desk design, what do you do with the Reference Desk, extending the library into the community, etc.). For Spring and the Roundtables – will take place the first three weeks of April. Roundtables will focus on programming. At their next meeting they'll talk about discussion points to raise (e.g. utilizing the resources a library has, cooperative extension and the humanities council, etc.). Still looking for moderators.

For the second year, we are not going to have the Roundtable coincide with Co-op meetings (in the past, that usually meant a lot of directors attended – but not enough Reference Staff.)

Email Eileen to get an updated list for the website for the Programming Committee.

READS-to-Go: (Absent. Report sent.)

Past President: Vacant

Conference Committee Liaison: Vacant

OLD BUSINESS

KitKeeper update: Report sent.

NEW BUSINESS

Nancy resigned. Talked about how we are going to do the Award of Excellence this year. We need to have a past president and the last three winners (and one more judge). The Past President coordinates the process.

Next meeting March 9, 2018 at 10:00am.

Adjourn: MOVED to adjourn the meeting, MOTION passed. Adjourned the meeting at 11:21am.

Next READS Executive Board meeting:

Respectfully submitted,

Kersten Matera
READS Secretary