

# READS

REFERENCE AND ADULT SERVICES SECTION

READS Executive Board  
Meeting place: LGC

## Meeting Minutes - Draft March 9, 2018

**Present:** Emily Weiss, Kersten Matera, Mathew Bose, Beverly Pietlicki, Eileen Gilbert, Betsy Solon

**Absent:** Caitlin Loving, Diane Mayr, Scott Campbell

**Call to Order:** Beverly called the meeting to order at 10:04AM.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mat MOVED to accept the minutes from our last meeting. Emily seconded. MOTION passed.

Deborah Dutcher, the Youth and Adult Services Librarian from the State Library, joined us for the beginning of our meeting. She talked about:

- Senior Library service group
- Senior Library Services Listserve
- Speaking at READS Conferences about services for older adults
- Book repair workshops at the State
- Reviving the Youth Services blog

We talked about promoting these things in our READS Newsletter (especially including information about the Senior Library Services Listserve.) Deborah will contact Emily with other State Library workshops.

**Treasurer's Report:** The READS-To-Go bags, which are a biannual expense, were a big expenditure. Mat's draft of the budget includes level funding from last year. The exception is the READS-To-Go budget which is lower because we bought READS-To-Go bags this year. The only way we generate income is through our conferences – maybe next year we could use a library/facility where we could cut-down on our costs.

READS Board accepted the budget, Mat will pass it on to NHLA.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

**President's Report:** Emily reported from NHLA meeting. Website was demoed. Silvie is trying to get all groups to plan 5 years out for conferences. New Logo is still being worked on. Marilyn will be offering training for WildApricot. Eileen and Emily will need training (Kersten would like training too).

Regarding the READS Handbook: if everyone can work on updating their section, we can talk about it and finalize it next time we meet. Kersten will send out an editable link to the Handbook before our next meeting.

**Vice President:**

Nothing to report.

**Membership:**

152 active members, 10 are pending. Emily will send lapsed members a reminder.

Wondering if Scott, as Publicity Chair would work on the newsletter next time (getting the content together and editing it – Emily can send it out, but as the PR person, the newsletter could fall under PR's responsibility).

**Programming:**

We have four Roundtables scheduled for April. Registration is open. Each Roundtable will focus on a particular type of programming:

- 4/04 Rye Public: Community-wide Programs
- 4/06 Nesmith Library: Crafty Programs
- 4/12 Conway Public: Partnerships and Programming Resources
- 4/20 Hooksett Public: Technology Programs

Eileen will also be sending out emails to spark the conversation. The Fall conference will be 10/12 in Laconia. The focus will be on library spaces. There will be a panel on Community Outreach (Eileen is looking for a moderator on that). The committee is also hoping to include a presentation on a digital branch/library's website. (We may ask Portsmouth if they would like to participate, as they just launched a new website.)

The Board considered having the READS Vice President take on the responsibilities of being the Conference Liaison to NHLA 2019 Conference. Betsy is going to attend the planning meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup> 1:00 at Miles Falls in Meredith.

**READS-to-Go:**

Absent

**Past President:** Since we don't have a Past President, we need someone to coordinate the READS Award of Excellence this year. Beverly will contact Corinne about stepping in.

**Conference Committee Liaison:**

**Publicity:** Absent

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**READS/ITS Joint Event:** Our next meeting is scheduled for May 11<sup>th</sup>. This is the same date as the READS/ITS Joint Event at State Library (Eileen is doing the registration). ITS and Mat are working on the line-up for the event. Looks like topics will include a Repair Café, Media-Maker Lab, and Ignite session from NH Techies. The event is scheduled to take place from 9:30 - 12:30.

In order to have time to meet as a Board, our next meeting will be at 8:00 AM at the Concord Public Library. We will talk about the Handbook, the Award of Excellence and Fall Conference. We will coordinate with Mat regarding phone numbers so we can be let into the Concord Public Library before hours. Our next meeting should be finished in time for us to walk to the State Library for the READS/ITS Joint Event afterwards.

**Newsletter:** The Newsletter can go out late April. We can include a teaser for the Award of Excellence, Roundtable round-ups, and a reminder of READS/ITS event.

**Adjourn:** 11:04 Emily made motion to adjourn – Betsy seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:05.

**Next READS Executive Board meeting:** May 11, 8:00 AM at the Concord Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Kersten Matera  
READS Secretary