

# READS

REFERENCE AND ADULT SERVICES SECTION

READS Executive Board  
Meeting place: Concord Public Library

## Meeting Minutes May 11, 2018

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

**Absent:** Emily Weiss, Diane Mayr, Scott Campbell

**Call to Order:** Beverly called the meeting to order at 8:22AM.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Mat went over the Treasurer's report. We spend some money to support the Spring program. Eileen asked about the 4 READS members who still owe money from attending our Spring Roundtables. Should she pursue the \$10 per person? Eileen will try one more appeal. (Wild Apricot also keeps a record of payments still due.)

### EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

**President's Report:** Beverly is planning on attending the next NHLA meeting. Beverly commended all on their contributions to READS.

**Vice President:** Betsy attended the conference planning meeting for next year's Spring Conference (May 9-10). The planning committee is still working out a theme. We don't yet know how many programs NHLA wants each section to provide. One idea was a 'dressing for success' (which could include a program on how to handle staff that come to work in inappropriate attire). The next planning meeting is in August.

**Membership:** Absent

**Programming:** Eileen reported on this Spring's Roundtables. None of the Roundtables had full attendance – which is surprising. Eileen has notes from the Roundtables which she will pass on to Scott to be included in the newsletter. 42 people signed up for READS/ITS Event taking place later today at the State Library. The Programming Committee has been working on the Fall Conference (October 12<sup>th</sup> at the Beane Center). The theme is library spaces. The committee is still looking for someone to speak on outreach in the community. An architect is coming to talk about space inside the building. They have settled on a caterer.

**READS-to-Go:** Absent

**Past President:** Vacant

**Newsletter:** Scott is going to help edit the newsletter.

**READS Handbook:** According to the READS Handbook, some of the READS Conference Committee Liaison duties overlap with the Vice President duties. For the time being, we are not going to try to fill the READS Conference Committee Liaison position which was held by Caitlyn. Betsy has been taking on these duties.

**Public Relations Committee:** a few years ago, membership voted to absolve the PR Committee. At the last Fall Conference, we reinstated it. The READS Handbook was never updated when the committee was originally absolved. In effect, the 2013 Handbook is again accurate and relevant now that the position has been reinstated.

**Award of Excellence:** Nancy is available to help with judging via email. Kersten brought up the question from Amherst about nominating someone who is going to retire. Eileen pointed out that Carol Roberts won the award while in retirement. The Board agreed to allow Amherst's nomination. Beverly is going to post to the NHAIS list that we are accepting nominations for the READS award of excellence.

**Adjourn:** Betsy MOVED to adjourn the meeting, Eileen seconded. MOTION passed. Adjourned the meeting at 8:51AM

**Next READS Executive Board meeting:** July 13, 10:00 LGC.

Respectfully submitted,

Kersten Matera  
READS Secretary