

READS

REFERENCE AND ADULT SERVICES SECTION

READS Executive Board
Meeting place: LGC – Concord, NH

Meeting Minutes

Friday, September 14, 2018

Present: Mathew Bose, Betsy Solon, Eileen Gilbert, Mindy Atwood, Beverly Pietlicki

Absent: Emily Weiss, Kersten Matera, Diane Mayr, Scott Campbell

Call to Order: Beverly arrived and called the meeting to order at 10:20am. She welcomed Mindy Atwood, Vice President Candidate!

Approval of Minutes: Mat moved to accept the minutes of July 13, 2018. Betsy seconded. MOTION passed.

Treasurer's Report: There has not been much income over the past month, which is typical for this time of year. \$340 was distributed to ITS as its share of the joint READS/ITS event income.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

President's Report: Beverly did not attend the last NHLA meeting, but did send in a report. She shared about a recent Hillstown Coop meeting where she heard about the Smart Spaces Grant Program and how she is eager to put what she learned to use at her own library. Beverly also described the Krosslink program and how she is working very closely with the folks at the Westborough, MA Public Library to bring that program to her library. She will co-chair the Hillstown Coop beginning in January and is concerned that position may interfere with her READS Past President duties. Beverly announced the winner of the READS Award of Excellence and inquired about who should present the award. After a short discussion, it was decided that Beverly and the recipient's supervisor will make the presentation at the Annual Business Meeting on October 12th. **Beverly will reach out to the recipient's supervisor to plan the presentation.**

Vice President:

Betsy attended the NHLA Spring Conference meeting on August 14th. The conference theme is "Cozying Up to Your Community" and the plan is for certain programs to repeat so that library staff who may attend only 1 day will have access to important topics. Friday's programs will be more youth centered, including the Great Stone Face Tea. She shared a list of program ideas for READS to consider - including "Aging at the Library" (programs/services for older adults), "Outside the Box Services," (a possible panel discussion), "Privacy in the Real World" (Jessamyn West as presenter?), and "Using Reads-To-Go Kits for Personal Book Clubs. **Betsy will check with the NHLA Conference folks to see how they would like us to submit our program ideas.**

Membership:

Emily sent in her report via email. As of September 12th, READS has 185 active members and 4 pending members. The September Newsletter will be going out to membership next week. She is still looking for a

new Membership Chair and asked the Board for suggestions. **Mat offered to reach out to Laura at Portsmouth Public Library.**

Programming:

Eileen reported that registration for the READS Fall Conference has been open for 1 week and 34 attendees have already registered. The conference schedule and lunch plans have been set. Looking forward to next spring, the program committee is very willing to work on READS programs for the NHLA Conference. If the opportunity presents itself, the committee is also willing to plan a READS Spring Event – perhaps something with Ryan Dowd on homelessness, a “lightning round” program or another partnership with ITS. **Betsy will see if NHLA is using Ryan Dowd for their conference and report back to the board.** Mat looked into Verbal Judo as a March program, but found it to be very expensive (\$5000) and suggested that we could find someone closer to NH for a future program.

READS-to-Go: Absent

Past President: Vacant

NEW BUSINESS

Transition of President and Vice President: Although READS has traditionally made new board members “official” in November (after the Annual Business meeting), NHLA has requested that section boards hand over the reins on January 1st and use November and December as transition months. Therefore, Beverly will work with Betsy and Betsy will work with Mindy for the November READS meeting. Beverly, Betsy and Mindy will officially assume their new board positions in January.

OLD BUSINESS

Newsletter: The newsletter will go out every other month, so the next deadline for submissions is November 1st. Submissions should be sent to Scott and cc’d to Beverly. **Scott will send the edited content to the Membership Chair, who will email the newsletter in early November.** Beverly expressed concern over the most recent newsletter, as she did not agree with Scott’s edits to her article and undid his changes in order to keep her original message. The board agreed that including a “how to” article on a successful program (like Concord’s Bookopoly) would be good content for the newsletter. **Mindy offered to ask her staff to share how they run Sunapee’s “Movie Club”, which is based on the traditional book club model.**

Dates of future READS events for NHLA 5 year conference plan: Beverly did not contact Sylvie, but Eileen did email a calendar of READS events to Dara, so the issue may be resolved. **Beverly will follow up to make sure that NHLA has what they need.**

Elections: Results will be announced at the Fall business meeting.

Adjourn: MOVED to adjourn the meeting, MOTION passed. Meeting was adjourned at 11:10AM.

Next READS Executive Board meeting: November 9, 2018 10AM at LGC

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Solon
READS Vice President