

READS

REFERENCE AND ADULT SERVICES SECTION

READS Executive Board
Meeting place: LGC – Concord, NH

Meeting Minutes
Friday, November 9, 2018

Present: Mathew Bose, Betsy Solon, Eileen Gilbert, Beverly Pietlicki, Sue Harmon, Mindy Attwood, Natalie Moser, Emily Weiss, Kersten Matera

Absent: Diane Mayr

Call to Order: Beverly called the meeting to order at 10:08.

Scott has notified Beverly that he will no longer be able to come to meetings and it would be better if we could find someone else to take over his duties

Approval of Minutes: Mat moved to accept the minutes from the 9/14/18 meeting. Eileen seconded. MOTION passed.

Treasurer's Report: \$47.50 in income is from a READS Conference that had mistakenly gone to CHILIS.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

President's Report:

Beverly thanked Eileen for the hard work her committee did to put the conference together. READS Award of Excellence went off well. Had a last-minute thing of inviting the winner's spouse. Regarding the newsletter, it would be helpful if we had a schedule for the newsletter being published. Beverly thanked everyone for their efforts.

Vice President:

Betsy attended NELA, READS and NHLA Annual Business meeting. She reported on NHLA's program on diversity and that we, in NH, are not very racially diverse, but we are age-diverse and economically diverse. The NHLA Conference planning meeting that was supposed to happen on Monday but it's been put off to December. NHLA would like us to come up with READS programs for the Spring Conference scheduled for May 2019.

Membership:

We currently have 192 Members. Emily is working on sending out the READS Newsletter. Sue Harmon is going to be the next Membership Chair. Susan Schatvet from the Seabrook Library has also volunteered to chair this committee.

Programming:

There were about 65 attendees at our READS Fall Conference. That's about what we had last year. Eileen received about 40% response rate to the survey she sent out to attendees. Eileen had a meeting a couple weeks ago to talk about what they want to do next year/going forward. Programming Committee would like 1 roundtable at Hooksett in April. The Programming Committee is also gathering ideas for the Fall Conference – looking for indications of what location might be good (we've had Hooksett/Laconia – but

maybe we could consider the people in the corners of the state – would a drive influence how many people are able to attend? Or is it more the topic that influences people to come?) Fall conference topic may include adult literacy and the fake news.

We discussed different the option for skyping-into a conference or roundtable. We could also explore live-streaming the event or a hybrid model in which you'd have three places to meet and two of the places have live-streaming so you can still participate and contribute to the discussion.

READS-to-Go: Absent

Past President: Vacant

NEW BUSINESS

Newsletter: We started this year to create a newsletter. Going forward it would be good to have a schedule for the newsletters. Natalie said she would be interested in editing articles/rewriting/preparing the articles for the newsletter. Maybe we could publish the newsletter every other month, on the off-months of our Board meetings. (E.g. the next newsletter would come out in December, then February, etc.)

Publicity Chair: We talked about the Publicity Chair and its responsibilities. Natalie volunteered to be the Publicity Chair. Newsletter content would be pasted into Wild Apricot. The Publicity Chair would get the newsletter ready and the Membership Chair would plug it in and send it out.

Web Coordinator: Nancy Farwell was interested by had difficulty getting in touch with Marina Bruckner. Mindy will convey the contents of today's meeting; it was also discussed that the Web Coordinator does not need to attend Board meetings.

NHLA Spring Conference: NHLA has suggested doing programs on aging – events that are held for seniors at the library. They would like us to come up with 6 program ideas and they will pick 4 of them. They can give us \$400 for "Program Support". In the past, Caitlin, serving as Conference Liaison came up with program ideas. As that position has dissolved, we, as a Board discussed programming ideas. Betsy took notes and will submit our ideas to the NHLA Board.

OLD BUSINESS

Betsy was asked to find out about Ryan Dowd and the lectures he's been giving about homelessness in libraries. He's scheduled to do a Skype call in Manchester on March 13th. URBANS is sponsoring the event. READS was considering bringing someone in talk to about homelessness, but now that Ryan is going to be in Manchester, we've dropped that idea.

Next READS Executive Board meeting: Emily made a motion to adjourn. Mat seconded. MOTION passed. Meeting ended at 11:37 am. Our next meeting is scheduled for 1/11/19 at 10:00AM at LGC.

Respectfully submitted,

Kersten Matera
Secretary