

READS

REFERENCE AND ADULT SERVICES SECTION

READS Executive Board
Meeting place: LCG

Meeting Minutes
Friday, January 11, 2019

Present: Betsy Solon, Mindy Atwood, Eileen Gilbert, Beverly Pietlicki, Natalie Moser, Mat Bose, Kersten Matera

Absent: Diane Mayr, Sue Harmon

Call to Order: Betsy called the meeting to order at 10:02.

Approval of Minutes: Mat MOVED to accept the minutes from the 11/9/18 meeting. Betsy seconded. MOTION passed.

Treasurer's Report: READS took in a little money from membership. We have \$800 that we aren't going to spend this year. Could we use this for the Spring Conference for NHLA? In the Program Support line we budgeted \$400. In the past that was spent on a gift card and speakers for NHLA conferences. We could use that money for the NHLA conference. We are going to have one Spring Round Table this year (at Hooksett). We are set as far as pens and notepads go for the NHLA Spring conference and Fall as well. In the past we gave \$100 for the READS Award Winner – we didn't do that this year. We have money in the budget to cover that. Mindy is going to get a gift card for the League of NH Craftsmen and forward it to Russlyn (2018's READS Award of Excellence winner). Looks like we still have another \$1400 in our savings account. In general, our bank account has been slowly going down for the last few years, probably because of KitKeeper. We budgeted \$400 for the Spring Conference but we have a buffer in case we go over that.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

President's Report: Betsy attended the NHLA Board orientation. Last Friday there was a conference planning meeting she also attended. READS will be sponsoring 5-6 programs at the NHLA Spring Conference. Betsy has secured a couple speakers. The remainder of the speakers, ideas and write-up need to be into the NHLA Conference Planning committee by February 1st.

Vice President: Nancy has secured a login for READS website and can start posting to our website.

Membership: Sue (absent) – sent a membership report. READS currently has 74 Active members, and 57 pending (including three new members!)

Programming: The Programming Committee met last week. They are going to organize one Roundtable for April 1st. The subject is going to be Policy vs. Reality (e.g. whether you can get all your staff to

forgive fines in a consistent way, how policy may not always be helpful). Eileen is going to inquire with Mark at Hooksett regarding streaming for the April 1st Roundtable.

The Friday after Columbus day weekend, READS is planning on hosting a program around Lincoln because we haven't gone North for a while. This program would be about all kinds of literacy (e.g. fake news, computer literacy, etc). They are currently looking for a library in the state which is working in conjunction with other organizations to promote adult literacy. Maybe in cooperation with a school or an adult learning center? The Programming Committee will open up registration at the end of February (\$5 READS members, \$10 for anyone else).

READS-to-Go: Diane is resigning and Brianna, currently involved in KitKeeper, is going to be stepping in as Chair of the READS-To-Go committee. In the past, Diane has registered the domain name for the READS-To-Go blog using her contact name and information. Should we roll this into the READS website? When does the domain expire? Mindy is going to call Diane and Marilyn to get more details. Betsy is going to send Brianna a welcome email and also bring up these questions. Natalie is also available to help. Another question: should the READS-To-Go Facebook page be rolled into READS Facebook page?

Past President: No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Relations Responsibilities: We talked about the expectations for the Public Relations Chair, especially in regards to READS posting to the NHLA Facebook page and compiling the READS newsletter. Going forward we are going to welcome contributions for the newsletter from the members of READS (not just the Board). This could include Library Directors talking up one of their employees, or a library employee highlighting a library program/resource.

Regarding Facebook, if READS members would like something posted to Facebook, they can contact Natalie. Mindy is going to send a collection of Memes that have been created at her library. Maybe create a post challenging READS members to post a "Book Face" photo?

2019 Calendar: The May 10th meeting falls on one of the NHLA conference dates. We are going to try to meet on the Thursday evening of the NHLA conference for dinner and have our READS meeting then. Other updates to the READS calendar include adding a transition meeting/orientation for new officers/chairs during the November meeting. Kersten will post the calendar to the READS website after Natalie and Betsy (and Eileen?) make changes.

Goals for 2019: Goals for 2019 will be to follow the spreadsheet.

New budget: Mat is going to update – adding \$100 to Reads-To-Go in anticipation of purchasing additional kit bags.

OLD BUSINESS

NHLA Spring Conference Program Update: Spring conference theme: "Cozying up to your community". Listed below are the programs we will be sponsoring:

- Using READS-To-Go for Community Book Groups (Beverly)
- Reference Refresher (Eileen)
- Author/author panel with three authors (Natalie)
- Outside the Box Services (Kersten)
- Aging at the library (Betsy)
- Opioid Epidemic Topic (Betsy)
- Cozy Tea Cart [vendor] (Betsy)

Betsy will follow up with each of us for the programs we are putting together.

Adjourn: Mindy MOVED to adjourn the meeting, Kersten seconded. MOTION passed. Adjourned the meeting at 11:40.

Next READS Executive Board meeting: March 8 at 10:00 AM at LGC in Concord.

Respectfully submitted,

Kersten Matera
READS Secretary