CHILIS Board Monthly Meeting Minutes
Friday, January 15th, 2016
Local Government Center, Concord NH

In attendance: Amber Coughlin (Center for the Book Liaison, Lebanon City Library), Kristen Paradise (Rodgers Memorial Library), Kristin Readel (Conference Chair), Ann Hoey (State Library/Summer Reading Chair), Judy Russell (Converse Free PL), Nicole Giroux (Derry PL), Nancy Lang (Dunbarton PL), Liz Gotauco (Merrimack PL), Yvette Couser (Isinglass rep-Merrimack PL)

Not present: Sara Hydorn (Great Stone Face rep-Amherst PL), Susan Laun (Portsmouth PL), Tara McKenzie (Conway PL), Luci Albertson (Great Stone Face rep-Bedford PL)

Call to order: 10:37am

Secretary's Report: December minutes accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Scholarship funds went out to Azra. $105 in membership dues; should be picking up with new year. $500 from Derry for 1kBBK; Flume for YALS; spring Conference income and expenses should be the same – Kristen motions to change both to $5,000. Passes.

Action items: Judy to update Spring Conference income and expenses to be $5,000 each. Judy to notify Cara of Flume Wiki error (YALS, not CHILIS). Judy to correct Derry’s $500 payment to 1kBBK.

Great Stone Face: Luci absent, no update.

Isinglass: Yvette reports request from Isinglass member to have booksellers on the committee. Consensus is allowing retailers is not a good precedent to set. Nancy suggests allowing teacher(s) on committee. Board likes this idea; suggestion that school librarians contact teachers. Yvette reports they don’t get a lot of suggestions for books – need more from school and public librarians. Talk of Flume / Isinglass combined – school librarians often dislike idea because of grade level issues (can’t buy books beyond grade levels served at school). Conversation about why we do these awards – are they worth the time and effort? Suggestion for promotional materials at Fall conference.

Kristen moves to exclude retailers from book award committees; Nicole seconds; passes unanimously.

Action items: Yvette to inform Isinglass Committee of board’s decision.

Membership: Linda sent email about dual membership with NHLA and NELA.

Action items: Ann to ask Susan to send an email to encourage joining CHILIS section.

SRP 2016: CSLP manual survey: 46 responses (only about ¼ of those receiving manuals - 190). 93% of respondents still get print manuals. 56% would want USB; 65% would want online manual. In terms of costs, 65% prefer online manual only (free to them); 12% USB (free to them); 28% still want print and would be willing to pay $10. CHILIS to pay up to $12.50 per library? Liz questions not even offering print manual; libraries can buy on their own. Ann estimates it will cost about $25 for libraries to purchase themselves. Kristen questions if worth collecting $10 from each library who chooses print; Ann says that more people will end up getting print manual if CHILIS pays for it, costing us more money. CHILIS still going to underwrite cost; waiting to hear what CSLP ultimately decides in terms of what formats we definitely offer.

NERTCL: One day on March 11th will feature Deb Taylor to present 55-minute talk on weaving
diversity into reader’s advisory (just charging travel cost!). Shorter sessions on personalized book lists; genre study groups; displays; online resources for RA; facilitated browsing and signage; apps focused on RA; 30-second book talks with Brandy Danner (?)

NELA conference committee needs to submit proposals for fall conference. Duncan Smith for NELA in fall? Childhood literacy; Guerilla storytime and YA slam. Coding for girls – Nicole questions gendered programming. LGBTQ section of NELA wants other sections to do LGBTQ-related stuff rather than have a separate section to increase attendance at those sessions.

CHILIS website: Email the board link includes a few people who might not need/want to be included (past members; current committee members).

Action items: Ann to check with Luci to see if Sarah still wants to be on email list.

Fundraising: More to come soon! Liz to do blog post about sending suggestions to board instead of contacting potential donors directly.

Intellectual freedom: No update at this time.

Conference committee (co-chair and interest): Early lit / 1kBBK panel: no from Keene; Letty from Milford will present; Leigh will present but does not want to be conference co-chair; Kristin put some other feelers out. Liz questions checking with MA folks. Ann would talk about basic early literacy if we can’t find someone else. Amber questions if we can get someone from medical side to talk about early literacy. Raffle ideas: each basket related to a movement, such as dance, wiggle, bounce, etc. Ladybug basket + 4 themed = 5 total baskets.

Registration needs to start next week. Do we want to use Wild Apricot? Who will collect registration? Ann suggests doing what we did last year – online registration + check with printed form.

KBA raffle - $300 coupon. Vote to keep.

Ann has no nominations for CHILIS librarian of the year award yet. Deadline two weeks away.

Action items: Liz and Nicole to reach out to colleagues from other areas. Amber and Ann to reach out to medical professionals. Kristin and Nicole to send program/panel descriptions to Ann. Nicole to talk with Kristin about mental wellness basket (yoga, mindfulness, etc.). Ann to create form and follow up with Susan about collecting registration.

Old Business
1kBBK – Ann has invited governor Hassan to come to Concord storytime for promo photo, etc. Scholarship all set.
Contact list: Nicole has almost all contacts.
Action items: Nicole to follow up with individuals, email list to board, and do test run of mass text.
By-laws to be updated to show that online voting can take place of show of hands.
Action items: Kristen to email CHILIS membership about change, to be voted on at March meeting.
General position accounts instead of person-specific for CHILIS website.
Action items: Nancy to set up accounts for each position, to be passed along to successor when terms are up.
CHILIS blog posts to link to Facebook to get more hits.
Action items: Anyone who does a CHILIS blog post, link to Facebook.
Fall Conference: October 13th or 27th depending on availability (27th preferred)
Location: Beane Conference Center in Laconia suggested by Gail Drucker (sp?). Capacity for 180 people. Good parking. $500 to rent facility, which includes technology. Potential snafu: no games of chance allowed. Ask about raffles. Plan B location in case they say no?
Action items: Ann to ask Gail to ask Beane about raffles.

New Business
NH public TV fundraiser? Lukewarm feelings from most of board.
Action items: Kristen to send board books to Ann for 1kBBK bag to donate.

Next meeting: Friday, February 12, 2016.

Adjourned: 1:08pm