

CHILIS Board Monthly Meeting Minutes
Friday, November 13th, 2015
Local Government Center, Concord NH

In attendance: Amber Coughlin (NERTCL/NELA/Center for the Book Liaison, Lebanon City Library), Liz Gotauco (Vice President, Merrimack PL), Kristen Paradise (President/NHLA Liaison, Rodgers Memorial Library), Kristin Readel (Conference Chair), Ann Hoey (State Library Liaison/Summer Reading Chair), Judy Russell (Treasurer/Website Editor, Converse Free PL), Nicole Giroux (Secretary, Derry PL)

Not present: Luci Albertson (Great Stone Face Rep, Bedford PL), Yvette Couser (Isinglass Rep, Merrimack PL), Sara Hydorn (Great Stone Face Chair, Amherst PL), Susan Laun (Membership Chair, Portsmouth PL), Tara McKenzie (Past President, Conway PL), Nancy Lang (Website Editor, Dunbarton PL), Gail Zacariah (Intellectual Freedom Chair, Keene PL)

Call to order: 10:05am

Secretary's Report: Approved meeting minutes from September with typo correction.

Great Stone Face: Ann has notified Luci and Sara about issues with Great Stone Face checks not getting deposited. Discussion of cost-effectiveness of GSF bookmarks. Liz proposed giving GSF Committee until end of this fiscal year – if any checks are outstanding, we will not continue to fund. Checks should be sent to Judy via van within two weeks of receipt. Kristen will draft a letter to committee. Judy wonders if checks and order forms should go directly to her first, with Judy then sending order forms to Catherine (sp?). CHILIS board member to collect checks from Conference. Liz to update website to reflect changes. Also option of switching to digital bookmark template.

Treasurer's Report: Judy is settling in to new role. Current account balance: \$22,808. 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten bag funds settled. \$6,600 to be subtracted for rest of 1,000 Books bags and CSLP manuals, meaning account is around \$15,000-16,000. Judy to submit full report electronically.

Judy requests 10:30am start time going forward. Board agrees. Meetings to be 10:30am – 12:30pm.

Isinglass: Meeting attendance remains low, attempting to grow. Yvette suggested adding booksellers to readers but majority of committee disagreed. Consensus here is that it's a good idea to collaborate. Liz to follow-up with Yvette on reasoning behind disagreement.

Membership: stands at 195. Collaborating with NHLA to send out renewal reminder.

SRP 2016: Manuals going out. Ann reports changes afoot in CSLP. Trying to do more research to raise our profile in terms of being significant players in the literacy world. Pilot with Providence, RI public schools and libraries to show benefits of kids doing summer reading program. Trying to develop better evaluation tools. Transitioning away from print manual due to environmental and cost concerns. Moving to flash drives and eventually an online manual. Printed manual will be more costly, since CSLP currently loses money on every printed manual. 90% of NH libraries order paper manual but CHILIS pays the cost. CSLP makes money through contract with Upstart. Trying to figure out different revenue streams to avoid that limitation. Looking in to online registration option. Kate DiCamillo to remain SRP ambassador. 2017 artist for "Build a Better World" is David Macaulay. KBA roster 2016 selected by committee, to be notified by Ann soon.

NERTCL: Amber asked for feelings on forgoing fall conference to attend NELA. Kristen enjoyed having more options for sessions but questions how some libraries may not be willing to send someone to NHLA due to cost, whereas CHILIS is less expensive. Next year NELA is in Danvers, MA.

Amber attended NERTCL meeting in Beverly, MA last week. Talked about upcoming March 11th one-day in Haverill, MA at Northern Essex Community College (formerly to be held at Worcester State in MA). Theme: Readers' Advisory. Hoping for Duncan Smith of Novelist for keynote speaker – not yet confirmed but top choice. Talking with Leann Ellis of Reading Public Library – talking about leveling of children's literature and how that effects readers' advisory. Michael Cart from Booklist. Deborah Taylor from We Need Diverse Books. Robin Smith of Horn Book. Goal to have general readers' advisory discussion; adult books for non-readers; ignite sessions – rapid-fire presentation with numerous presenters; genre study groups; personalized booklists; facilitated browsing; booktalking; readers' advisory blogging; alternative resources. Brandy Danner (sp?) - 30 second book talks. Last year had a tech focus and a lot of people found it alienating, especially people from smaller libraries. RA as basic function that all librarians do. Amber now on Jordan Miller Committee. Jordan Miller fund comes from Boston Public Library; NERTCL used to plan something at NELA and alternate yearly with MLA to have storytelling sessions at conferences, but very low attendance. Attempt to resurrect. Still has storytelling focus. Every other year, alternate between storytelling program and grant for NE libraries (\$500 toward storytelling program). This year, announce winner of grant at NELA. Proposal announced at NERTCL one-day, due by June 1st. Use funds within calendar year. Next meeting is virtual. Still looking for CT and RI reps. Paint & Sip meet-up in MA. Holly Black is 2016 speaker. 2017 hoping for middle grade author- any ideas?

CHILIS website: Liz to assist Judy with creative/artistic side of site.

Fundraising brainstorm: Kristen suggests surveying libraries on what they would like. Ann suggests courting businesses/corporations to sponsor SRP. Kristin suggests surveying libraries on NH businesses we might approach. One librarian, Beverly from Pittsfield, expressed interest in this committee. Ann estimates \$6,000 on SRP; if we got a business to donate \$5,000 a year, that would be a big help. We can put sponsors on promotional materials. Judy to check with Betsy to see if she would consider seeking statewide sponsorship for SRP by approaching businesses, corporations, organizations to help fund SRP; invite her to next meeting. Ann in talks with Bruins for some SRP collaboration. Need for professional presentation with statistics, etc. to use when approaching potential donors. Liz to follow-up with Nina about providing ideas to board instead of reaching out on her own so that we can be consistent and professional. Amber suggests cultivating a section of retired children's librarians (Friends of CHILIS; CHILIS Legacy?) to assist with fundraising.

Intellectual freedom: Kristin to follow-up with Gail Zacariah to see if still interested in position.

Conference committee (co-chair and interest): Librarians who indicated interest on ballot: Leigh Maynard, Hopkinson; Carol Elliott, Joseph Patch. Kristin to follow up. We need 2 programs in morning; KBA showcase in afternoon. Suggestion of 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten panel presentation. Discussion of possible speakers. 91 libraries bought bags (234 libraries total, but many small libraries); probably about ½ of libraries who participate in SRP are doing 1,000 Books. Kristen concerned about alienating libraries not participating. Liz suggests something like, “More Than Just Storytime: 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten and Other Ways to Approach Early Literacy” (panel of ways to reach preschoolers). Liz also suggests “Programs On the Move” (programs that fit SRP 2016). Ann suggests “The Manual and Beyond” programs that fit theme. Need people nailed down for two panels by mid-January. Kristin to reach out to people before next board meeting. Liz and Nicole both interested in presenting.

Old Business

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

New Business

Discuss virtual meeting options

Let Kristen know if have issues attending and need virtual meeting

Snow tree: text/email by 5pm day before a canceled meeting; conference calls as backup
Treasurer possibly attend NHLA's Treasurer's Training

Judy talked to Cara, who may be adding a Skype option; either way, Judy will attend
Revamp by-laws: voting in particular, in anticipation of possibly not having future fall CHILIS-
specific conference (when there's another NELA/NHLA conference)

Do we need something specific for absentee voting? Tabling discussion for next time
Feature a librarian

Liz trying to get more activity on CHILIS blog; featuring board members; programs that
work for various age groups under resources (like YALS); raffle tickets to those who
submit?

CHILIS Facebook posts

Nicole to become admin; more discussion next time

Fall 2016 Conference – Dowd's Inn estimate (Lyme, NH); need to nail down a date: October;
generally third Thursday but don't want to be too close to NELA; October 13th preferred
but October 20th if necessary (Keene Children's Lit festival probably 29th)

Is there anyone we really want to see there? GSF winner, if possible; We Need Diverse
Books?; keep coming up with ideas!

Nicole's NELLs experience: more to come at next meeting!

Next meeting: Friday, December 11th, 10:30am, Local Government Center, Concord. Bring your own
snacks – no more designated snack-bringer at each meeting.

Adjourned: 12:20pm