

CHILIS Board Monthly Meeting Minutes
Friday, December 11th, 2015
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), Luci Albertson (Great Stone Face rep-Bedford PL), Nancy Lang (Dunbarton PL)

Not present: Yvette Couser (Isinglass rep-Merrimack PL), Sara Hydorn (Great Stone Face rep-Amherst PL), Susan Laun (Portsmouth PL), Tara McKenzie (Conway PL), Liz Gotauco (Merrimack PL)

Call to order: 10:35am

Secretary's Report: Add action items going forward. Amber, not Kristin, is Center for the Book Liaison. Minutes approved from November meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Increase CHILIS contribution to 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten (henceforth "1kBBK") from \$1,000 to \$1,066.66 to account for overage of \$66.66. Flume Wiki annual payment mistakenly attributed to CHILIS; should be YALS. \$500 credit was Derry's 1kBBK order that Cara deposited directly.

Action items: **Judy** to notify Cara of Flume Wiki payment error.

Great Stone Face: Luci had no idea about check issues; Sara and Luci proposed downloadable bookmarks at last committee meeting and committee agreed but base run at printers isn't up for two years. Base run = filling in the backs, printing, and packaging; \$250-350 per year. Luci likes the idea of until the base run runs out, orders go directly to Judy for \$ and Catherine will get orders to fill. Questions about cost effectiveness & quality of downloadable bookmarks. Give libraries a heads up about switching to digital. Ann proposes looking at income versus expense of bookmarks at end of this fiscal year. Committee questioning invite to accept award? What are we willing to offer? Travel + one night of accommodation. Stipend? General consensus is not necessary when presenting an award.

Action items: **Judy or Sara** to change registration form to reflect sending \$ to her by 1/1/16. **Ann** will send out email to listervs to reflect updated form.

Isinglass: Clarification from last meeting: Isinglass committee member proposed that they invite booksellers to join committee; most committee members frowned on this proposal, arguing that professional librarians should be the ones to evaluate the books. Amber questions: Is this a recruitment question? Do they need more readers? Are they trying to promote Isinglass within bookstores? What's the context here? Luci makes a point that we are a professional organization of librarians and commercial values are different. Luci mentions that Isinglass is tougher award because of crossover between children's/YA with Great Stone Face and Flume. Ann mentions that there has been suggestion to combine Flume and Isinglass. Judy suggests inviting Yvette to next meeting for further discussion.

Action items: **Kristen** to encourage Yvette to attend a future meeting to further discussion.

Membership: Stands at 195. Discussion of ways to recruit more members related to cost. Our cost is only \$5, though, and NHL A membership fee based on salary, so it's about as affordable as we can make it. NHLA total membership as of August 7th = 619, so about 1/3 are CHILIS members. Should we reach out to paralibrarian section? Talk of offering incentives (raffle tickets) for bringing someone new to conference. Concern about space limitations at Kristen concerned about children's department staff

who aren't members but would benefit from CHILIS – how do we reach them? How can we encourage department heads to encourage and support their staff in attending conference? Judy wants to invite LUV Co-Op (Librarians of the Upper Valley) to CHILIS. Consensus is it's a good idea.

Action items: NHAIS list reminder for CHILIS list. **Ann** to ask Susan Laun, membership chair.

SRP 2016: CSLP annual meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah on April 18th- 20/21. All manuals have gone out. Two more deadlines for ordering from Upstart. Everything going along smoothly.

NERTCL: Reader's advisory conference in March – Duncan Smith from Novelist backed out; was going to do it for free. Amber asking for suggestions on reader's advisory speakers. Ann suggests following up with Jennifer Gilcreast (sp?), school librarian conference chair.

Action items: **Amber** to follow-up with Jennifer. **Everyone**, email Amber with any ideas!

CHILIS website: Discussion tabled as Liz is not here to discuss posting ideas.

Action items: **Judy** to change website to reflect that Amber, not Kristin, is Center for Book Liaison and change GSF order forms, as noted above under GSF report. **Nancy** to add Nicole as website editor this weekend.

Fundraising brainstorm: Judy suggests setting particular goal for fundraising. Ann suggests \$3,000 as minimum to help with SRP (covers cost of manuals and posters); \$5,000? Judy suggests \$3,000 SRP goal and \$2,000 conference goal. Ann found application for financial support from Bank of New Hampshire. Would like someone else to file grant request so as to avoid confusion re: State Library. We do banking with Citizen's – can they contribute? Luci reports that TD Bank helps Bedford; also Charter Trust. Bobbi approached OverDrive for donations to advocacy committee/YALS and they paid for food at cocktail party. Can we get someone to sponsor breakfast costs? Need for unified voice; any ideas to Judy or Ann for follow-through. Ann still waiting to hear from Bruins.

Action items: **Judy & Ann** to follow-up with banks: Bank of NH for SRP and Citizen's for conference.

Intellectual freedom: Gail Zacariah willing to assist as needed. NHLA also has Intellectual Freedom committee that we could go to.

Conference committee (co-chair and interest): Nicole to present on Shaken Up Storytimes. Ann wonders about Colleen from Keene as presenter on 1kBBK; Donna from Northwood; Leigh from Hopkington. Speak for 5 minutes each on how structured program, challenges, successes, etc. Q & A. Ann wants to find out what more resources people need. Goal to have large, medium, and small library on panel. Kristen proposes focusing on early literacy initiatives more broadly than 1kBBK. Ann points out that ideas can be applicable elsewhere.

Action items: **Nicole** to prepare example of program for next meeting. **Kristin** to check with above mentioned librarians about panel. **Kristen** to check in with Kristin! :)

Old Business

1kBBK – previously discussed

Streamlining fiscal practices to eliminate middle person; deposits directly to treasurer

New Business

2016 tentative meeting dates changes:

January 15 (from 8th because of ALA)

No board meeting in March because of conference (March 17th)
November 18 (from 11th because of Veteran's Day)
Fall Conference: October 13th or 27th depending on availability (27th preferred)
NELA = 16-18th in Danvers
Nicole's NELLs experience

Action items: Nicole will do CHILIS blog post about the experience.

Scholarship application: Azra Karagergevic \$1,000

Approval of \$750

Action items: Kristen to notify Azra; Judy to notify Cara

Discussion of revising scholarship deadlines, parameters, and application for the future

Contact list for snow procedure

Action items: Nicole to follow-up on preferred method of contact; send updated list to all.

Revamp by-laws: to include online voting

Possible wording suggestion under Article VII, Section 5: "In the event that it is necessary to reach a quorum, online voting may take the place of a show of hands."

Needs to be voted on by members; vote at Spring Conference.

Action items: Kristen to follow-up on by-laws that might need revision.

CHILIS Facebook posts

Action items: Nicole to follow up with Diane.

Next meeting: January 15th, Local Government Center, Concord. Remember to bring your own snacks – no more designated snack-bringer at each meeting.

Adjourned: 12:57pm