

CHILIS Board Monthly Meeting Minutes
Friday, April 8th, 2016
Local Government Center, Concord NH

In attendance: Amber Coughlin (Center for the Book Liaison, Lebanon City Library), Kristen Paradise (Rodgers Memorial Library), Ann Hoey (State Library/Summer Reading Chair), Judy Russell (Converse Free PL), Nicole Giroux (Derry PL), Nancy Lang (Dunbarton PL)

Not present: Sara Hydorn (Great Stone Face rep-Amherst PL), Luci Albertson (Great Stone Face rep-Bedford PL), Kristin Readel (Conference Chair), Yvette Couser (Isinglass rep-Merrimack PL), Liz Gotauco (Merrimack PL), Susan Laun (Portsmouth PL), Tara McKenzie (Conway PL)

Call to order: 10:30am

Secretary's Report: February minutes accepted with a few Kristen/Kristin changes. :)

Action items: **Nicole** to use "KP" for KristEn Paradise. :)

Treasurer's Report: \$8,435 income from Conference (+\$3,435); Great Stone Face income seems low this year – possibly due to error on bookmark printing? \$205 left in scholarship line – discussion about what to do with it. Vote to grant to Azra, recipient of the scholarship earlier this year, passes.

Action items: **Judy** to follow up with Joyce from Brentwood re: KBA performer raffle (needs performer confirmation/contract to issue check). **Amber** to submit reimbursement form to Judy for travel expenses. **KP** to inform Azra of additional scholarship funds and **Judy** to issue check.

FY 2016 – 2017 Budget Planning: The Big Picture: Discussion around spending accumulated funds vs fundraising, and being fiscally responsible. What should CHILIS funds go toward? What are members paying for? More discussion needed on The Big Picture: mission, goals, objectives, etc. - Strategic Planning meeting soon? More discussion needed at next meeting.

Losing lots of funding for KBA (LSTA; Byrne Foundation) next year. This year, 77 libraries got about \$21k in grant funding (about \$300 each). CHILIS is only about 10% of KBA budget; should our contribution be higher?

Judy's FY 2016 – 2017 budget proposal suggests bringing down our holdings by about \$5k. Some changes made to proposed budget – Judy to send updated proposal.

Amber suggests spending future scholarship funds more on professional development for members (conference attendance, etc.) – can have a greater impact on more people than only funding school scholarships, which cover a small portion of student expenses.

Action items: board to discuss The Big Picture at next meeting. **Judy** to send updated FY16 – 17 budget proposal to reflect changes discussed during meeting.

Conference Committee: Ann reports that Gail Drucker has secured Beane Conference Center in Laconia for \$400 for whole day (good price!). Gail suggests program with local police about dealing with difficult patrons. Will be inviting GSF winner; if they cannot visit, perhaps Paul Durham (*Luck Uglies*, nominated) will attend – local author.

Post-mortem on Conference: Judy reports that SNHU messed up quite a bit: money issues; parking lot issues; no paper towels in ladies room; no signage before 8am; no tablecloths; lack of communication; etc. Ann is looking into Deerfield School as possible venue change for the future; additional

suggestions: Saint A's; UNH Manchester; Colby-Sawyer; Grappone Center – probably more expensive; too large to do in any library. Difficult to find another venue: needs to be centrally-located and have performance space.

Action items: **KP** to contact KristinR about discussing possible program(s) with Gail. **Ann** to continue seeking out alternate venue for Spring Conference.

Great Stone Face: Ann sent link to GSF online tally to membership; link not on CHILIS site yet. Clarification that this is a tally sheet for librarians & teachers to use for their totals, NOT online voting for kids to use.

Action items: **Ann** to follow up with Luci regarding any potential checks that haven't been sent to **Judy**. **Judy** to add tally link to site.

Isinglass: no update.

Membership: no update.

NERTCL: Pulling together lots of sessions but everything is up in the air right now. Amber hoping to get constitutional lawyer to discuss children's 1st Amendment Rights (saw her @ ALA Midwinter). Other possible topics: 30 million word gap; teaching life skills to teens. Can submit proposal ideas through NELA site. Amber emailed CHILIS membership with info about \$500 storyteller grant.

Fundraising: Byrne Foundation Grant: major source of funding for KBA. Dissolving soon – need to find new source of funding. We also need to underwrite 1kBBK bags by about \$10k to keep cost low for libraries (\$2.50 - \$3.00 a bag). Motion passes for KP to go forward with Byrne request.

Action items: **KP** to sign and send out letter to Byrne Foundation requesting \$15k for 1kBBK.

Intellectual freedom: no update.

Old Business

Boston Bruins Update – Ann applied for \$4k grant from Bruins; it will cost about \$722 to print 5k posters (all libraries would get posters, with additional materials going to libraries who win visits); only moving forward on promotional materials if we get the grant.

New Business

Ran out of time! Tabled until next meeting.

Next meeting: Friday, May 13th, **10:30am – 1:30pm**, Local Government Center, Concord, NH; bring snacks to share if so inclined, as meeting will be longer.

Adjourned: 12:58pm