Present: Carolyn Birr, Ann Hoey, Nancy Lang, Kathy Tracy, Gail Drucker, Lisa Michaud, Marie Lejeune
Amy Inglis e-mailed that she was unavailable.
Cathy Marciniak asked for information to be sent to her.

Reports:
Secretary—CHILIS Spring Conference changed to its correct location, Vermont information struck, CHILIS given credit for raffle basket. Nancy moved and Marie seconded to accept the report as amended.

Treasurer--submitted report. Carolyn noticed and others agreed that NERTCL representative expenses needed to be moved to “mileage” since it has been separated out.

Great Stone Face—No news.

Isinglass—No news.

Summer Reading Program
Manual is nearly done; waiting only on clip-art. It should be going to the prison for printing next week (Janary 11-16).
Ann presented two cover options and the board chose between them.
T-shirt art will probably be out next week.
Gail brought up possibility of contracting manual out for typographical correction.
SRP committee requests increase of artist’s stipend from $1,000 to $1,500. Marie moved, Lisa seconded and the motion was carried.
It was decided that the ballot for voting on SRP vs. CSLP will be put on the registration forms for the spring conference. The comparisons for three libraries of varying sizes is online and notification will be sent out so that everyone can have an informed vote. The basic advantages of CSLP are price, time and the ability for CHILIS to meet less often.
SRP materials packing party will be Friday, March 6th in Hooksett.
T-shirt packing party will be Friday, May 1st, in Hooksett. Ann noted that the colors online are slightly inaccurate but Karel Hayes is particular and that will not be the case with the printed materials.

Accu-Cut Dies—Suggested list exceeds $3,000. The board selected Ants (lg. $42.50), Picnic Basket (J $60.00), Hammock and Tree (J $90) and Hot Air Ballon (J $60) for a total of $757.50 for all three sets. The possibility of moving the Accu-Cut machines from their current locations to improve access for everyone was proposed.
Membership Chair
Kathy obtained membership lists for last year and this year. She will contact those who did not renew.
Scholarships are solely for education, not membership.
Online ALA classes should be eligible for scholarships, the board agreed.
This information will be posted on the listserv for recruitment purposes. It was suggested that it be sent to URI and Simmons as well.
The welcome packet is “bulky” but the board agreed that it is still desirable to spend the money to mail it to new members. It includes: listserv information, conference opportunities, SRP support, scholarship information, networking, CHILIS book discussion, coupon for $5 towards raffle tickets (the last was proposed to immediate support).
Stickers for conference nametags were suggested to show CHILIS membership; supplied in registration packets. The purpose is to raise our profile at NHLA and NELA.

CHILIS Spring Conference
Kids, Books and the Arts roster is online.
Carolyn offered to man the registration table. It was decided that there will be two people at the table at a time, six total for three shifts.
Registrations will be sent directly to Nancy, who will also do the nametags.
Buffet options were discussed.
Fees will increase from $30/$35 to $35/$40. Nancy moved, Marie seconded, motion passed.
Kathy and Nancy will collaborate on members vs. non-members for registration to prevent mistakes.
Ann will draft and put a ballot for comment, then send the final version to Gail, the conference chair.
Kathy will count ballots.
Registration forms must go out by Feb. 2nd, must be returned by March 13th.
Ballots must be cast by CHILIS members only.

NHLA
Last meeting was in November.
Next conference will be in May.
Board Meeting is January 20th.
NHLA conference committee will meet on January 15th.
Programs so far: Chris Rose, David Elliott, SRP Kickoff, Great Stone Face tea, Adele’s homeschooling programmer, Olga Morrill.
A panel on different styles and types of story times was proposed, but was surpassed by a CHILIS round table on some topics like story times, challenges, dealing with patrons, internet and parenting. Kathy and Marie offered to facilitate tables.

NERTCL
Carolyn was in CT for the December meeting for NERTCL.
Representative from Massachusetts Library Association for joint program in Holy
Cross on April 3rd. Rick Riordan is the speaker, for a professional conference (not public). Cost is $30 for NELA members, including continental breakfast and the speaker. There will also be a 40% discount on Riordan’s books. Possible speakers for 2010 include Shannon Hale and Kate DiCamillo. Suggested programs for NELA: Mother Goose on the Loose, Anita Silvey, Folk and Fairytales, panel discussion on autism, literacy and librarians, family literature, creating writing, reinventing the bookworm, teen programming (understanding teen brains) and reader’s advisories. NELA will be in Hartford, CT in October.

Old Business
Marie will put out a notice for a Vice President on the listserv. Only one nomination for Librarian of the Year so far—anyone who wishes to re-nominate someone from last year will need to actively re-nominate them. Fall Conference--no money received from Fred Reidy yet.

CHILIS Conference
The question of a keynote speaker was raised, particularly regarding Anita Silvey, whose $1500 + travel cost is higher than most previous speakers. She is still wanted, but with a different program than NELA. Fall conference will be in Lebanon—it is more expensive. It was suggested that the extra could be absorbed from the treasury instead of increasing conference fees. Some were opposed to conference fees not covering the cost of the conference. Kathy was given decision-making power for venue. It was decided to commit to Anita Silvey then decide which method to use to get money: members or treasury. Nancy moved, Lisa seconded, motion passed.

Co-ops
Carolyn suggested information on co-ops. Ann suggested asking existing co-ops to put notices on the website and in the membership information packets.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. Next meeting will be Friday, February 13th, 9:30 a.m. at the Local Government Center. Kathy will bring refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Michaud