

Minutes--CHILIS Fall Conference
October 15, 2009
Fireside Inn and Suites, Lebanon, NH

Marie called the meeting to order at 9:30am. She thanked Kathy Tracy and Amy Lappin for hosting, and Gail Drucker for organizing and helping with the raffle tickets. She gave everyone a couple minutes to look over the secretary's minutes and committee reports, then Adele Boeske moved to accept them and Amy Lappin seconded. All were in favor, none opposed.

Reports:

Ann talked about the Summer Reading Program committee in lieu of a written report. She announced the availability of CSLP packets and what they included. If they were ordered, they were available at the back of the room. A paper catalog is available for incentives as well as the online ordering option. The first deadline is Dec. 1st, the last is March 1st. The SRP committee is still meeting; they are currently choosing the KBA roster and presentation showcase. Ann will take input to Tacoma for the national CSLP meeting—please see her if you have suggestions.

Nancy clarified the Treasurer's reports, noting that next year we will spend more than we take in and fundraising will become necessary at some point.

Old Business:

Marie talked about the die cut questionnaire and requested participation. She explained that the purpose was fairness and accessibility for as many as possible. A question was raised: If a library already owns a die cut machine they were willing to share, should that be noted on the questionnaire? The answer was yes.

Marie reported about NHLA and NHEMA: Steve Butzel met with NHEMA, now NHSLMA, to discuss combined conferences. The report was that NHSLMA enjoys having their own conferences, but does not rule out future intermittent joint conferences. We will be having separate conferences for the next couple of years. Lorreen Keating commented that she had heard opinions in favor of a joint conference from school librarians; Marie repeated Steve Butzel's request for input, explaining that unless we make noise, our opinions will not be heard.

New Business:

Slate of officers was announced: Marie will be stepping down, so we will need another VP soon. She explained the multiple benefits of serving on the board and encouraged participation.

The present slate was presented:

Past president: Marie Lejeune

President elect: Amy Graves

Vice President: Amy Lappin

Officers not currently up for vote because they are currently in the middle of their terms are:

Secretary: Lisa Michaud

Treasurer: Nancy Lang

Nominations were requested, then the secretary cast one ballot for the slate, a second was heard, then all were in favor and none opposed.

Marie presented former Great Stone Face Committee chair Adele Boeske with flowers and a card in appreciation for her years of participation. She explained she will continue to participate but in a reduced role.

Ann Hoey presented flowers and a card to Marie as thanks for her years as president.

Amy Graves gave a brief synopsis of her experience, stated her anticipation for meeting members and participating in CHILIS in her new capacity. She requested a motion to adjourn the meeting, which Nancy Lang supplied, and Adele Boeske seconded. All were in favor and none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Michaud

Secretary

Reports

Isinglass Teen Read Award, Amy Inglis

The 2009 winner was "Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie" by Jordan Sonnenblick. This award, geared for readers in grades 7 & 8 chooses 20 titles yearly from student recommendations. We are always looking for a wide range of recommendations from kids around the state. If you have a book that your middle grade readers are raving about, please send the title to blibrary@metrocast.net. For all the forms, bookmarks, and the current list of titles go to www.barringtonlibrary.com and click on the Teen Zone button. The committee is always looking for new members to read and review recommended titles. If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact Amy Inglis at blibrary@metrocast.net. Members can attend meetings in the seacoast area Sept.-April, or, may participate through sending e-mail reviews of items should driving distance be an issue.

Membership, Kathy Tracy

Membership in CHILIS has continued to grow throughout the year. Our membership stands at 194 as of this writing, which wonderful! We gained approximately 15 new members since the Spring Conference. I have continued to send Welcome packets to new members. I plan on sending out our "invitation to join" again when we get close to the next membership year.

The Great Stone Face Award, Luci Albertson

The Great Stone Face Committee meets monthly throughout the school year to select a list of 25 recently published books for readers in grades 4-6. The main requirements are quality of writing and kid appeal, though we seek to include differing genres, as well as varying sophistication levels, degree of difficulty, and gender interest. The winner is determined by the children's votes.

The Great Stone Face Tea was held at the NHLA Spring Conference in May. Since there are separate conferences, members traveled to the 2009 NHEMA Conference as well. At the GSF Tea, the latest winner of the Great Stone Face Award is announced: For 2009 Jeff Kinney, for *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*. The new list was revealed. Committee members booktalk all the titles on the list to give insight for the upcoming year.

New members are always welcome on the GSF Committee. There is a commitment involved, as we attempt to read every book brought to the table. Meetings are held on the second Friday of every month at the Bedford Public Library. Contact Luci Albertson if you are interested.