

CHILIS Monthly Meeting Minutes
Friday January 10th, 2014
Local Government Center, Concord

Present: Liz Gotauco (Merrimack Public Library), Ann Hoey (NH State Library), Nancy Lang (Dunbarton), Tara McKenzie (Campton Public Library), Kristin Readell (Stephenson Memorial Library), Nina Sargent (Thornton Public Library)

Call to Order: 10:15 AM

Secretary's report: December minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report:

- **Updated balance:** 19,480.73.
- **Great Stone Face and Isinglass Checks:** Nina sent email to Isinglass and GSF about checks, that checks should be sent to Nina so they can be deposited in timely fashion. On Dec 24, she received checks dated from June, with Dec. 14th postmark. We will be addressing GSF and Isinglass that we need to receive checks in a more timely manner, for the sake of the organizations writing the checks and our own needs. We encourage GSF and Isinglass to submit checks in a timely manner even if they are sending in one check at a time. We can help hasten the process with self-addressed stamped envelopes.

Fundraising:

- Tara and Ann are working on a letter to Common Man for SRP contribution. We don't have much of a trade-off for them at this point (it's too late to advert them as sponsor), so instead we're asking for 2015. Ann suggested that this coming September we decide on who else to approach and who to prioritize approaching. Some options to throw out there include Common Man, Zappos, Stonybrook, Oakhurst. Kohls? Possibly Fisher Cats or Monarchs.
- Is there a way to think out of the box when working with local organizations, who get hit by everyone in NH for donations? We are also worried about competing with other local organizations in need, or individual library resources. We wish to encourage co-ops to work together in this regard.
- Discussed approaching NH farmers organization in hopes of working with them in some regard, for publicizing? Maybe even a simple program at an event or at farmers' markets.
- We will revisit letter to Common Man in March

Book awards: Time to nominate Ladybug books! We're taking nominations for all award books, but Ladybug closes soon.

No membership report. Discussed membership renewal with NHLA, and we would like to add encouragements in NHLA renewal notices to sign up for CHILIS as well. Members are welcome (encouraged!) to sign up for both YALS and CHILIS, especially if you serve both populations. Join here: <http://nhlibrarians.org/about/membership/> Members are also encouraged to sign up for CHILIS and YALS listservs, where you'll receive helpful reminders (about membership news, book award deadlines, etc).

Webmaster's report: Homepage now shows some of the "new" Facebook page feed, and the Facebook site continues to get new traffic.

Summer Reading: Kristin and Ann are going to Biloxi MI for annual CSLP meeting. Ann has received artwork to vote on for upcoming SRP themes.

Spring Conference

Thursday March 6th SNHU. \$45 for members, \$55 for nonmembers

- Judy is working on Sample Storytimes related to theme
- Tara/Nina doing rapid book talks for book on a theme
- KBA info is all up, Grant applications are open.
- Directions will be up for the venue soon, with registration
- Price for performer lunch will be \$20 fee (increased from last proposed amount) but it's optional for performers, who may bring their own lunch or just not partake.

April NHLA conference

Wed April 23rd-Thurs 24th at Mountain Grand in Whitesfield

- CHILIS programs have been scheduled but there's some wiggle room.
 - GSF tea (wed 2nd session 11-12ish)
 - Chris Rose book talks on the same day 3:15-4:15 PM.
 - Second day: CHILIS program TBD 9:30 – 10:30 (we're hoping it gets flipped because of conflict with makerspace program)
 - 3:15-4:15 PM Storytime roundtable.
- Nina and Tara are working on a small libraries program – getting families into small rural libraries. Ann needs names of 3 panel members and program description for this session by 1/28. Up to three will have conference registration comped for the day.
- Regarding GSF tea – GSF committee needs to inform us of their needs for the conference, as CHILIS board needs to review our ability to compensate any panelists more than three due to tightening budget.
- 129 hotel fee a night. 75 fee day conference, 125 for two day.

Fall conference

Thursday, Oct 9th in Greenfield at the Barbara C. Harris Center

- Deposit received for venue

- We'll start working on programs after spring conference

Librarian of the year: Nominations are in progress. They must be postmarked by Jan 30th. Patrons/non-librarians can nominate, but should ask a librarian to be a co-nominator. Board will choose honoree at Feb meeting.

Old business

- Bylaws – newest bylaws aren't on website, will reach out to Yvette Couser on getting her notes.
- We are double-checking that website has section describing member benefits – we will visit with Patty to have her put out notice to members regarding member benefits and double check site for this info as well.

New business: Discussed our “best of 2013” moments – great fall conference attendance, where we reached out to both new and old folks.

Refreshments next time – Ann will bring snack.

Adjourned: 11:33 AM