

CHILIS Monthly Meeting Minutes

Friday, June 13th, 2014

Present: Liz Gotauco (Merrimack Public Library), Ann Hoey (NH State Library), Nancy Lang (Dunbarton Public), Tara McKenzie (Campton Public Library), Kristin Readel (Stephenson Memorial Library), Judy Russell (Converse Free Library), Nina Sargent (Thornton Public Library), Gail Zachariah (Keene Public)

Call to Order: 10:14 AM

Secretary's Report:

February notes approved.

Treasurer's Report:

\$20936.63 Cash on hand

NHLA - Discussed how **CHILIS** treasurer can be aware of new **CHILIS** membership deposits made by NHLA Treasurer, in order to stay on top of membership deposits. Nina will connect w/NHLA treasurer to set up communication on this front.

Great Stone Face – We are unsure that we have received checks for bookmarks sales. We did not receive any checks at the NHSLMA at conference. Nina will contact to follow up.

State report:

Manuals - Manual cost sign-ups are happening now to get the most accurate count. We have the option of purchasing the full manual, or just the DVD.

CSLP meeting – CSLP is reaching out to partners a lot (this year was National Geographic) The partnership is more for the promotional and awareness aspects of summer reading than monetary gains. Bedtime math is another recent partnership, and Movie Licensing is working on a possible outdoor summer movie license. They are revamping the website, trying to provide more resources on the value of summer reading. They are trying to minimize cost increases. Manual price is going up, and t-shirts will go up as well. They're currently working toward hiring an executive director (as of right now, they are acting more in the lines of a volunteer professional library organization, just on a bigger, more national level.)

CSLP future meetings - Next year's meeting is in Newport RI, so hopefully we can get a lot of NH representation there, as the general librarian populace is invited to attend. Ideas we'd like to bring to their table: lowering shipping costs, game-ification of libraries, timed log for teen program.

KBA grant – 62 grants were awarded this year. Yay!

NERTCL Report:

Amber was absent today.

Membership Report:

Patty is leaving as membership chair, and her vacancy will be effective for fall conference registration. We would like to set up contact w NHLA to get membership names as they are added (as previously referenced in Treasurer's report).

Fundraising Report:

SRP Sponsorship Letters - Ann can't be attached by name to fundraising as federal employee. But she has been able to look over fundraising letter from Tara, which is a request for \$3000 donated funds for 2015 summer reading costs (to cover manuals and personalized posters). Tara will send to Common Man, Fisher Cats, and Stonyfield. We are hoping to connect with Hannaford for 2016, as they fund healthy-related projects and our theme is physical fitness/sports. Ann will collect fundraising letters, and Kristen as president needs to sign. We will focus on one year at a time. Letters will go out in August/September for the following year. Any CHILIS person who has a potential fundraising contact may assimilate such letters and submit to Ann.

Website Report:

Facebook - More likes is always a good thing!

Minutes Maintenance – Discussed possibility of updating minutes w/consistent format, as it's hard to pinpoint some past months.

Blog – recent upswing in activity on blog has been positive, let's keep at it!

Awards committee:

Flume is moving towards some clarification of nom/vote schedule. Discussed a possible meet-up of all award committees to streamline award issues, such as confusion of nominations vs. voting on current titles. This mostly affects Isinglass and Flume.

Conference Report:

Spring Feedback - great feedback on our Small Libraries session at NHLA (35 great survey responses)

Fall Conference - space is secure, so we're on for Thursday, October 9, at Barbara Harris Conference Center, Greenfield. Registration for the conference has to go out in mid-July so we need to nail down conference theme and speakers

Conference theme – After much deliberation, we decided to focus on Community Outreach, Building, and Partnerships

Speakers - Author of 2014 GSF winner M.T. Herlong will be our luncheon speaker. We are covering her air and board with a stipend. She may combine her trip with some school visits (She is great advocate of children and reading).

Additional speakers and programs - Judy was in Walpole, was looking at Greenfield local author of *Grandmothers Guest* (the blue lady of Wilton). Should we approach her, even just to have a vendor table? We have also decided to approach Starr LaTronica, the current ALSC president (will be past-president by conference). For an additional program, we are looking into Jennifer Ericsson to run a school-age programming/school outreach session. We are also hoping to run a Partnership Panel – i.e. a panel on public library partnerships with community organizations, businesses, and schools. We will also run book talks in between sessions, and the state will host a Children's Book Review giveaway.

Raffle items – Various board members will contact local vendors of games and gifts for tables, percentage, as well as our contacts for a bookish-fashion basket.

Old Business:

Book bag kits – We are moving children's books bags to NHU-PAC for ordering there. Ann will reach out to see if we can have a presence in PAC as providers of the book bags. We will look into if each kit needs to be in same format (bag, number of copies, etc). The next step is to clean up the list and make sure it is accurate of our holdings.

New business:

New CHILIS board positions needed – Besides membership chair, other CHILIS positions that will be vacated include VP/President Elect, and Fundraising rep.

Good News – Tara will be transitioning to the Head of Youth services at the Conway Public Library! A large donation was made to Thornton Public Library, and Lyme received a grant. Kristin attended a state assembly on outreach to state lawmakers and got good info there.

Pre-meeting discussion – Just prior to “call to order”, board was casually discussing the open-source Summer Reading program developed in Arizona (<http://greatreadingadventure.com>). We may pull together a group to test this over the next year, in hopes of presenting it to CHILIS members as a possible online summer reading log resource, as it is free! Gail mentioned a possible PLA project with similar goals, but we do not have info on that.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:56 AM

Next meeting: September 12, 2014 at 10 AM