

CHILIS Board Monthly Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 10, 2015

LGC

In attendance: Amber Coughlin (Lebanon City Library), Liz Gotauco (Merrimack Public Library), Ann Hoey (State Library), Nancy Lang (Dunbarton Public Library), Susan D. Laun (Portsmouth Public Library), Tara McKenzie (Conway Public Library), Kristin Paradise (Rodgers Memorial Library). Via phone: Nina Sargent (Thornton)

Not Present: Luci Albertson (Bedford) Tom Billborough (Colby Memorial Library), Yvette Couser (Isinglass rep – Merrimack PL), Judith Russell (Converse Free Public Library)

Call to Order: 10:08 AM

Secretary's Report (Liz): No 2015 past minutes have been uploaded to the website. Liz will rectify this ASAP and motion was approved to bypass minutes approval until the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report (Nina): \$ 22174.35 balance.

State Library Report (Ann): Nothing new to report.

NERTCL Report (Amber):

NELA Conference:

- Dates: Sunday October 25th – Tuesday October 27th at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester NH
- Theme: "Back to the future" (unconfirmed)
- The NELA conference committee is contemplating making Tuesday more of a full day rather than just morning programs.
- NERCL is trying to keep their programs out of the end of day Tuesday, for fear people will need to leave early and miss them.
- NERTCL programs include:
 - Sy Montgomery for luncheon
 - MAKERSPACES on a budget
 - NaNoWriMo programs
 - Music and Early Literacy
 - Fan-fiction for teens
 - Sensory storytimes
 - We need diverse books talk
 - Possible Guerrilla storytime social event.
- We need to host a fall business meeting for CHILIS to cover elections (positions opening: VP, Treasurer, Secretary) and hand out manuals. We could either reach out to conference coordinator to get space and time slot, or we could attach it to luncheon if it doesn't take more than 15 min. But you have to pay extra for luncheon, so that is a less attractive option as we may not get as many members able to make it. Amber will look into price and availability of space. We might attach a simple program with it to entice our members to come. Another option is to hold our meeting separate from the conference at a different fall date. NHLA will have to hold a fall business meeting, so maybe tagging our meeting on that is an additional option. All options will be explored.
- Kristen and Kristin will find out about NHLA presence for an NHLA/CHILIS/NH booth.

One Day Conference for 2016: Most likely will focus on readers advisory. NERTCL is reaching out to Duncan Smith, creator of Novelist as potential speaker. Still looking at Worcester to host, but they can't book until Sept school year starts.

Next NERTCL meeting : First Friday in May (May 1) at LGC - we're welcome to join to see what it's all about!

Membership:

- 195 members as of today!
- Still waiting on some dues
- Wild Apricot made it so it appears that EVERY member of CHILIS is a “new” member in 2014, so there's some confusion on who is actually new. Susan will send a welcome message to all members to make sure we welcome new members, but it will also act as good reminder for ongoing members of their benefits from CHILIS.
- Advocacy board is creating info booklet for benefits of being NHLA member and its sections.

Fundraising: Nothing to report.

Website (Nancy): Nancy is working on getting into the calendar, but NHLA has had the password changed without notifying us. Nancy will try calling Marina in Portsmouth to have it, so that meeting times can be updated. Note: our monthly board meeting start at 10 AM, not the advertised 9:30 AM.

Awards – Isinglass and GSF:

- **Great Stone Face:** Chair was not here, but here is latest info from CHILIS listserv: Great Stone Face votes are due by April 30th, so the winning title can be announced at the NHSLMA Great Stone Face Tea in May.
- **Isinglass:** Chair was not in, but update from email: Please visit the Isinglass Teen Read [Wiki](#) and join the discussion, stating your favorites for the final list by 5 pm, Monday, April 20th. Majority voted will make up the final 15. Yvette will compile the list based on the wiki comments and votes and will email Ann the final list Monday night.

Conference Chair: No report today, but we had a Spring Conference wrap-up:

- We don't do official evaluations for this conference because there isn't much we can change. But in person feedback to Ann was very good. Even the showcase performers had great time. It was our best attendance yet for the conference, and that was reflected in our expenses, as we made a small profit. SNHU staff was very helpful and good to work with.
- The date for our spring conference 2016 will be March 10 because there is a difference in spring break that year.

Old Business:

1000 Books Before Kindergarten Updates:

- Committee has had 2 planning meetings, in October and February with 11 people on the committee.
- The committee has produced some resources already, and are now looking into producing canvas bags w/custom logo.
- At the April meeting, the group will decide on the number of bags and method of distribution. They are looking at tentatively producing 1000 bags (cost about 5K).
- Some sponsorships have been found. Academy of Family Physicians donated 1K toward project, with condition that no other sponsor be involved that goes against their medical mission. New Hampshire Family Voices reached out to Ann and offered \$500 if they could have logo and links affiliated with project. The State Library's Park Street Foundation is contributing \$3000. CHILIS could possibly donate the rest or the committee can keep looking for funding of the balance.
- Originally we wanted to give the bags out for free. But there are concerns with this, and we are wondering if we can charge a small rate to purchase bags, in hopes that the bags will eventually be a self-funded item.

New business:

2015-16 budget decisions:

- No fall conference this year will change our income, but not by much (usually it's a wash)

- We should make sure to allocate some money for scholarship (potential allocation of 500). We can vote toward what it funds (prof development, conference attendance, MLS pursuit)
- Higher costs for CSLP next year (to send rep to Utah for annual conference) means an increase to \$750.
- Manual cost up to 2500
- Postage costs dropped to 25 due to using our web presence more than postal methods.
- Need to confirm status of GSF bookmarks costs. Will follow up w/Luci
- We've an issue w/award for isinglass since there is no income to balance out the cost now that bookmarks are digital only. Follow up with Yvette.
- Spring conference: Raised to 5500 based on past costs.
- KBA costs: stay same
- NERTCL rep: more virtual meetups have been happening, but we still need to increase to 200 to cover rep's travel costs.
- SRP KBA Award: 300 (same)
- Fall conference: 500 for room reserve and booth at NELA (potentially unneeded or might need adjustment)
1k books: Expense will reflect donations, but we will officially put in line item to track.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:32 AM

NEXT MEETING: May 8th, 10 AM at LGC in Concord. Kristen P to bring snacks.