

CHILIS Board Monthly Meeting Minutes

Friday, May 8th, 2015

LGC

In attendance: Amber Coughlin (Lebanon City Library), Liz Gotauco (Merrimack Public Library), Nicole Giroux (Derry PL), Ann Hoey (State Library), Nancy Lang (Dunbarton PL), Kristin Paradise (Rodgers Memorial Library), Kristin Readell, Judith Russell (Converse Free PL), Via phone: Nina Sargent (Thornton PL)

Not Present: Luci Albertson (Bedford PL), Tom Billborough (Colby Memorial Library), Yvette Couser (Isinglass rep – Merrimack PL), Sarah Hydorn (Amherst PL), Susan D. Laun (Portsmouth PL), Tara McKenzie (Conway PL), Gail Zachariah (Keene PL)

Call to Order: 10:10 AM. Board introduced themselves to Nicole, visiting as guest CHILIS member. Note to CHILIS members: all members are welcome to sit in at board meetings.

Secretary's Report (Liz): Edits required to past two months of notes. These will be fixed by Liz and have been approved w/revisions to be made.

Treasurer's Report (Nina): \$ 22974.54 balance. A line item was added for 1000 Books Before Kindergarten expenses.

The budget we are looking at approving currently only adds up to \$12,275.00, but it does not include GSF, Isinglass, or 1000 Books costs. 1K books in limbo while negotiating costs, we will wait on establishing those and will revisit in June.

We will all look at Nina's report over the next month to prep for finishing budget by end of June meeting.

NHLA doesn't divide our budget into line items, but we will submit our completed budget so they can see how we put our budget to use.

Kristen P. proposed we have all reports ready a week in advance so the board can look over them ahead of time. She also proposed we have paper copies available for meeting so motions can be accepted in confidence. For this reason, the board held off accepting the treasurer's report until the next meeting.

Great Stone Face (update via Ann): Bookmarks have been ordered, and the GSF committee is selling bookmarks at the GSF Tea at NHSLMA. Ann and Amber will be at that conference to collect checks.

Isinglass: All votes for this year's list are in and will be announced at NHSLMA. This coming year the nominee list has only 12 titles.

Membership report: No report as Susan is out.

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

Summer Reading Update (Ann): Ann shared the happenings of the annual CSLP meeting she and Tara attended in Newport, RI last month:

- The big discussion was over the overall displeasure with this year's artwork. Ann explained the difficulties in this: Once the connection with an artist is established it's hard for the committee to have control over it. CSLP decided that teen artwork will no longer employ a huge artist but a graphic artist employed by Upstart. CSLP will also have ownership of artwork moving forward.
- 2017 will have one slogan for all three programs (Construction - Build a Better World).
- Ann got elected to executive board as membership chair.
- Committee heard from three finalists for new executive position. This person will do fundraising, will be the face of the organization, seek out partners, and will pick up a lot of responsibilities that have previously been on volunteers.

CSLP will still have a board, but the hired person will do lots of day-to-day work. They're hoping to have this person hired and starting by June 1st.

- The committee chose music theme for 2018 (Music).
- CSLP faces lots of competition from new organizations (iRead snuck several states out of CSLP) which is good and bad.

Ann is trying to revamp summer reading evaluations so that there's just one survey for all ages rather than three different for three programs.

Next month, Ann will ask for manual orders for next year, and the payment to CSLP will be due.

NERTCL Report (Amber): The committee had their monthly meeting at LGC. NELA sessions firmed up. News: Registration for NELA will include luncheon fee rather than lunch being an additional cost. Options for lunch will be available, including NERTCL lunch but also other options for those not interested in that section event. This could make it possible to do our business meeting at the NERTCL luncheon as that is when NERTCL does its meeting.

NHLA is having separate meeting at NELA which we can reach out about, but it may be easier to have our own. CHILIS board feels our tie to NHLA is more logical than piggy-backing on NERTCL. We will focus on working with NHLA to make out meeting happen.

The NELA Keynote speaker will be Curt Steinhorst. He will be doing a virtual visit and be speaking on generational kinetics (inter-generational relationships in the workplace).

Nertcl sessions at NELA:

- Sunday, October 25th:
 - 2:30 PM - Fan fiction
 - 4 PM - Makerspaces on a budget
 - Evening - Mixer/dine out event for members
- Monday, October 26th:
 - 9 AM - Music and Early Literacy
 - NERTCL Luncheon with Syd Montgomery
 - Afternoon - We Need Diverse Books talk by Danielle Clayton
 - Afternoon - Multigenerational programs and collaborating with museums and other cultural institutions
- Tuesday, October 26th:
 - 9 AM - STEAM session
 - 11 AM - Sensory Storytimes
 - Guerrilla Storytimes

CHILIS can volunteer to help NERTCL by handing out and collecting surveys, counting attendees, and dropping off completed surveys. If we are interested in volunteering, sign-ups usually happen in August, so Amber will reach out at that time.

CHILIS board is wondering who is in charge of vendor tables in NELA? Amber will ask as we would like to host a booth if it is at no cost. We should decide by June what will make up our booth. Judy will work with Kristin R. on what it would look like. Their vendor deadline might be coming up soon.

Fundraising: Nothing to report. We will try to connect with Tom to get some updates.

Website (Nancy): Calendar has been fixed and Nancy has received log-ins she requires. We need to connect the old CHILIS-On-the-Move PDF of available kits to the most current post on the service. It's not the most accurate count of what we have but it's a starting point for those who want to use them. Ann will also reach out to Mary about where that project is at.

Conference Chair:

Spring CHILIS Conference 2016 will be on March 10, 2016. The deposit for the space has been sent in.

- Some feedback from the spring was some dissatisfaction about the second morning panel, as some didn't find the information very useful. How can we rejuvenate this "veteran librarian vs new librarian" program? Do we focus on specifics to the upcoming program? Do we meet hot button topics like incentives and online programs? Do we revisit broad ideas like evaluating programs or various types of SRP tracking, or fundraising? Can we do themed table talks to make better use of lunch time? Or do we visit the 1000 books program as a possible panel presentation?
- Next fall we should start thinking about where to host Fall 2016. We need the venue to hold 120 people, with technology and handicap accessibility. We have to provide a lunch option, and ideally the venue will have good parking.

Old Business:

1000 Books Before Kindergarten Updates: Committee met last week. They have been creating resources to be posted to CHILIS website and are currently working on making the format consistent. Several reps will meet a potential bag vendor on Monday. The bag will feature the official logo plus sponsors' logos. The committee sent out a survey last week to determine interest from libraries and resulted in a huge response. CHILIS can vote on fronting extra money for bags, as we had larger response for how many bags libraries would buy than expected. Hoping for Sept. 1st launch.

Our own logo has been in development. The person who developed it is a staff member at Concord PL and the 1000 Books committee would like to give this person an honorarium. CHILIS board approved an honorarium of \$100.

New business: None.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:56 AM

NEXT MEETING: June 12th at 10 AM at LGC in Concord. Kristin R. to bring snacks.