

CHILIS Board Monthly Meeting Minutes
Friday, January 13th, 2017
Local Government Center, Concord, NH
Minutes compiled by David Basora

In attendance: Amber Coughlin (President, Center for the Book Liaison/ Lebanon PL), Ann Hoey (State Library Liaison, Summer Reading Chair/ NH State Library), David Basora (Secretary, Intellectual Freedom Liaison/ Manchester City Library), Judy Russell (Treasurer/ Converse Free PL), Susan Laun (Membership Chair/ Portsmouth PL), Sam Lucius (NERTCL/ NELA Liaison/ Wiggin Memorial Library)

Quorum achieved

Not present: Letty Goerner (Vice President-elect/ Wadleigh Memorial Library), Sara Hydorn (Great Stone Face Chair/ Amherst PL), Yvette Couser (Isinglass Chair/ Merrimack PL)

Call to order: 10:45 AM

Secretary: Due to the transition between Secretaries, the September minutes were never approved by the Board. After review of the draft minutes for both September and December with a minor change to each, the minutes were accepted.

Action Item: David will resend revised minutes for September and December.

Treasurer: Judy submitted a report of CHILIS payments & deposits over the past six months for the board to review. About \$80 was deposited in December from summer reading manuals and Great Stone Face bookmark and poster sales. The account balance stands at \$14,505.52. The total amount collected from the Fall conference was less than was anticipated, but less money was also spent on the conference than was anticipated. Ann gave Judy a bill for a payment to the Derryfield School to secure the space for the Spring conference. The Treasurer's report was unanimously voted for acceptance.

Conference Committee: Christine Friese, Assistant Director of the Portsmouth PL, has agreed to speak at the Spring CHILIS conference about advocacy and summer reading. The other program for the day will be an unconference/ breakout session to discuss various topics. Ann will email Derryfield about space requirements, as well as discuss catering options.

Action Item: Ann will contact Derryfield about space requirements and catering.

Great Stone Face Committee: There has still been no response yet from Cece Bell regarding permission to post her thank you video. The last step is waiting to hear back from the GSFC to see if they have a better way of contacting Cece Bell; however, it seems that at this point the video will be posted if we do not receive a response saying otherwise.

Action Item: David will bring the video to the next Board meeting to give it to Judy for posting.

Isinglass: Following up on previous discussions, YALS and CHILIS have decided to combine the Isinglass and Flume awards, since there is often overlap in titles considered for the awards. Amber motioned to have YALS take over the Isinglass award, which was approved by the Board. CHILIS will still help promote the award in the future.

Membership: Susan reports that there are currently 118 active members of CHILIS according to Wild Apricot, approximately 150 registered members, 2 lapsed memberships, with many pending registration to become active again. There may be a way to track membership patterns year to year through Wild Apricot, which the Board will investigate after membership renewals slow down following the Spring conference.

Summer Reading/ CSLP: Ann reports that CSLP will be hiring an “organizational coordinator” instead of an executive position to handle overall coordination of resources and long-term planning. Brain Pinkney will be the artist for the 2018 summer reading program.

NERTCL: Sam Lucius has accepted becoming the NERTCL Liaison for CHILIS. Welcome Sam! Sam reports that there are currently no co-chairs and several state representative positions have not been filled either. The other officers will endeavor to reduce the workload for eventual chairpersons. The next NERTCL meeting will be in February.

NHLA/CHILIS Website: Both Amber and David now have access to the CHILIS website to make changes as needed. The officer listings are now mostly accurate, although the NHLA Liaison will be added to the President’s title since they are the de facto NHLA Liaison. Ann is currently acting as the NHSLMA Liaison, but would welcome recruitment of anyone else interested in the position. NHSLMA meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 4:30 PM in Concord. The GSFC page also needs to be updated to say that the final list of nominees is 20 books long, rather than 25.

Judy discovered that the CHILIS Facebook page has outdated permissions from previous Board members, whom we will need to contact to rectify. As a Board, we would like to use that platform more constructively for the association. In related discussion, the topic of the actual acronym of CHILIS was suggested to need improvement. The similarity between our association’s name and that of the restaurant chain Chili’s Bar & Grill has previously proved problematic. Further discussion on the topic will be put on the agenda for the February meeting.

Action Item: Amber will add discussing the naming of CHILIS to New Business for the next meeting.

Center for the Book: It’s Only Stanley by Jon Agee won the 2016 Ladybug Book Award!

OLD BUSINESS

Spring 2017 CHILIS Conference: The Board discussed the schedule for the day, and decided on this configuration:

8:45-9:15: Registration and Breakfast

9:15-9:45: Business Meeting

9:45-10:40: Christine Friese (need a working title for this)

10:40-10:55: Break (raffle sales)

10:55-11:45: Unconference/ Breakout

11:45-12:45: Lunch

1:00-1:15: Raffle winners drawn, excepting the KBA raffle

1:20-4:15: KBA Showcase

4:15-4:30: KBA raffle drawing, meet KBA

A lengthy discussion was held as to the merits and use for the raffles that are traditionally held at the conference. The Board decided to limit the raffle to the KBA prize, plus three additional prizes aimed at promoting programming and activities for children. Officers will work on assembling materials for prize baskets.

The second program will consist of possible breakout sessions of directed discussion in small groups related to advocacy and summer reading. Group sizes will be decided by the rooms made available to us by Derryfield School. If groups cannot be easily separated, then an unconference discussion of sharing best practices and ideas would be the intention. Topics of discussion would be summer reading best practices, school collaborations, measuring success, and advocacy of youth services. Discussion facilitators would be necessary for breakout sessions.

Action Items:

- **Judy, Ann, and David** will collect materials for the raffle baskets.
- **Ann** will find out what space options we will have for the second program.
- **Amber** will email members a survey evaluating past and future conferences following the Spring conference.

Spring 2017 NHLA Conference: Judy is part of the Conference Committee, and will be attending a meeting to tour the venue for the conference and plan logistics. There has not been any more news on the 6 programs CHILIS proposed for the conference.

Fall 2017 CHILIS Conference: The contract for Colby-Sawyer College is being reviewed, and Amber will be contacting Novelist to ask about Duncan Smith appearing for the conference. Kelly Gallagher, author of **Read-i-cide**, may also be a possibility. He would talk about how reading can be unintentionally suppressed in schools and at home, and how to combat it.

Librarian of the Year Award: Ann will send the board information about submitted nominees, to be reviewed ahead of the next meeting. The winner will be decided in February.

Action Item: The Board will examine submissions and decide on a winner in February.

NEW BUSINESS

Upcoming NHLA meeting on February 14, 2017: Ann will be attending.

CHILIS Scholarship Benefit: Tabled until next meeting.

Next Meeting: February 3rd 2017 @ 10:30 AM

Adjourn: 1:23 PM