

CHILIS Board Monthly Meeting Minutes
Friday, September 22th, 2017
Local Government Center, Concord, NH
Minutes compiled by David Basora

In attendance: Amber Coughlin (President, Center for the Book Liaison/ Lebanon PL), Letty Goerner (Vice President-elect/ Wadleigh Memorial 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), Ann Hoey (State Library Liaison, Summer Reading Chair/ NH State Library)

Quorum achieved

Not present: Sarah Hydorn (Great Stone Face Chair/ Amherst PL)

Call to order: 10:53 AM

Secretary: August minutes accepted without change. Amber motioned to accept, Letty seconded.

Treasurer: Judy reported an \$18,419 carryover from budget year 2016-2017 into 2017-2018. Major upcoming payments include final payment for the Fireside Inn for the conference, CSLP trip reimbursement, and awards. Current balance stands at \$19, 556.46.

Conference Committee: Final details have been settled at the Fireside Inn. The task assignments for the day of the Fall conference were discussed amongst the board members. The agenda for the business meeting was discussed. Attendance for the conference will have to be limited to 150 people. New members will once again receive a free raffle ticket at registration.

Action Items:

Amber will sent out a reminder to bring favorite storytime books to the Fall conference.

David will send out an evaluation survey after the conference.

Great Stone Face Committee: Sarah submitted a report by email:

We have lost 2 members--Luci Albertson and Suzanne Wall will no longer be able to join us for our meetings---we'll still be happy to get their input if they can find the time to stay in touch, but they won't be able to operate as full members... :-(
That still leaves us with 9 members, which is a fine number---however, I did receive a couple of inquiries about serving on the committee last spring---I figure I'll reach out to those people again, since I haven't heard any more from them (one of the people that talked with me seemed to have more interest in changing our grade-level criteria than actually reading books....but you never know...) At any rate, we aren't desperate---I would say that anywhere from 9 to 12 members is ideal---any more than that becomes unwieldy.....

I tasked everyone with updating our mission statement and selection criteria pages as displayed on the website, and we actually made a lot of progress---we'll finish up next meeting, and I'll submit the changes to you guys---most of those changes are just aimed at updating and removing redundancies (and including diversity in our considerations)....

However, I'm also proposing that we formalize a process by which we elect our chair (which has always been sort of an ad hoc, as needed, informal affair), and updates to the way the position works...That, as you can imagine, will take a bit more discussion, but I think the committee is in agreement that it's time to come up with a system by which the chairmanship changes hands on a regular basis without sacrificing efficiency and effectiveness...we've got some good ideas on the table, and I, for one, am determined to make this happen :-) More news to come on that front... Other than that, we are already well on our way to a new master list of titles to read....it never really ends!! :-)

Oh---and thank you guys for coming up with a way to continue presenting the GSF list in the spring---it really makes us feel supported to know that the board is on top of this, and making it a priority---we'll do our best to come up with a fantastic list for 2018-19!

Membership: Susan reports that we currently have 126 active memberships, 16 lapsed, and 2 of the lapsed memberships pending renewal. Total membership stands at 144.

Summer Reading/ CSLP: Ann reports that the Bruins visits went very well this past summer, and the Bruins raffle prizes were distributed at a fairly even rate, geographically, across the state. SRP survey results demonstrate a higher amount of adult participants than teens for this past summer. Ann suggested that the next SRP chair could liaise with YALS and READS to drive stronger adult and teen SRPs statewide.

With Ann's impending retirement, Amber will take over the role of CSLP representative for NH until Ann's vacant position is determined at the State Library. Until that time, Ann will be receiving the SRP 2018 electronic manuals at the State Library and distributing them from there through October. Payment for the manuals must be received no later than the end of November.

The KBA grant program will continue, as Ann has already applied for an Arts Council grant, the State Library has committed money to it, as well as money from another foundation. KBA applications from performers are due to Ann by 10/13, and a selection committee will be formed to select Showcase performers on 10/27. These performers will comprise a virtual showcase through videos.

NERTCL: Sam reports that the next meeting is 9/14. NERTCL will have a strong presence at the NELA conference in Burlington, with an interactive session about participatory learning tools, and early literacy movement program, healing in the library, and YA Smackdown, among others. There will be a one day conference in March 2018 in Hanover, MA.

NEW BUSINESS

CHILIS SPRING CONFERENCE 2018: Date is scheduled for 5/17/18. The schedule will be to have a morning presenter on diversity/inclusion, an author speaker during lunch, and the Great

Stone Face Tea in the afternoon. Board is currently scouting locations, and is open to suggestions. Judy found resources for potential speakers, and the Board will be looking into those. Options to research are Kirkus, Baker & Taylor, ALA, and the Boston Public Library.

CHILIS FALL CONFERENCE 2018: Amber and David be will be looking into venue options.

CHILIS BOARD RECRUITMENT 2017-2018: The Board will still need a NERTCL representative. Sam will inquire about potential candidates, and will plan to actively recruit at the NELA conference.

CHILIS ARCHIVE AT THE STATE LIBRARY: CHILIS currently has filling cabinets and boxes of records located at the State Library that will need to be organized at some point in the future.

OLD BUSINESS

1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN SALE: Fall sale of bags has been announced, and Judy will take over bag distribution after Ann retires.

CHILIS RENAMING SURVEY: Board discussed Amber's proposed name change survey, and made changes.

Action Item: **Amber** will edit and send out survey ahead of or just after CHILIS Fall Conference.

NEXT MEETING: November 17, 2017 @ 10:30 AM

ADJOURN: 12:55 PM