

CHILIS Executive Board Meeting
Friday, March 9th, 2018
Local Government Center, Concord, NH
Minutes compiled by Moriah Churchill

In Attendance:

In attendance: Letty Goerner (President/ Wadleigh Memorial Library), Sam Lucius (Vice-President/President-Elect/ Wiggin Memorial Library), Amber Coughlin (Immediate Past President/ Lebanon Public Libraries), David Basora (Treasurer, Intellectual Freedom Liaison/ Manchester City Library), Moriah Churchill (Secretary/Richards Free Library), Grace LaRochelle (NERTCL/NELA Liaison/ Hooksett Library) Susan D. Laun (Membership Chair/ Portsmouth Public Library), Lisa Houde (Great Stone Face Committee Liaison), Deborah Dutcher (State Library)

Quorum achieved

Call to Order: 10:37

Reports:

Secretary's Report: Amber moved to approve January's minutes, and Letty seconded. David moved to approve the minutes from February, and Sam seconded the motion.

Treasurer's report:

David discovered that there is a discrepancy in the records dating back several years, so he has been working on reconciling the difference. The current account balance is \$13,411. \$225 came in from membership dues, and \$40 from "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" bags sales.

Conference committee:

Letty signed the contract for the spring conference location, Pat's Peak. There will be a \$500 deposit. The Great Stone Face tea is built in to the catering fee in the afternoon. Our lunch time speaker, Grace Lin, has been confirmed to speak for a fee of \$1000. We discussed venues for the fall conference; among other venue options, the Tidewater Catering location is too small. Amber suggested looking into summer camps, which will be in their off season, and often have performance spaces as well as large eating rooms. Options Amber looked into include: Camp Dakota in Richmond NH, and Camp Robin Hood in Freedom NH. Camp Robin Hood provided an estimate of \$6000 for the whole day, including catering. One potential issue is parking, and another is that it is a little farther north than we originally intended, although that might be nice for our northern members, and the KBA performers showcase might entice southerners to travel. In the morning we will have speakers centering on the next Summer Reading Program, and afternoon will feature the performers showcase for 2019.

Raffles: We discussed potential raffle items for the May conference, including a basket featuring books by Grace Lin, which we hope to get signed or possibly donated; a Lady Bug award books basket; a basket of books recommended by our morning diversity speaker (fiction and/or professional resources); and a basket of Great Stone Face nominees from the new list for 2018-19 if it is alright with the GSF committee (if not, we could wrap them up in mystery packages with question marks drawn on). We suggested allocating \$100 for each raffle.

Action Items:

Include the list of awesome and exciting raffles in the invitations to attend the conference, so that attendees know to bring raffle money.

Great Stone Face Committee Report:

Lisa Houde reported about what has been going on in the GSF committee. There has been some uncertainty surrounding the Great Stone Face annual tea (at which the award winner is traditionally announced) ever since the New Hampshire School Library Media Association (NHSLMA) separated from the NHLA and so lost member access to the spring conference that housed the GSF tea. CLNH was eager to bridge the gap by rearranging our yearly conference schedule, in part to provide a permanent home for the Great Stone Face Tea at our Spring Conference every May. However, May is a difficult time of year for many school librarians, and this idea hasn't settled perfectly. An alternative idea was raised to move up the Great Stone Face Committee schedule in order to be able to have the Tea at an earlier date at future NHSLMA spring conferences. We discussed the difficulty to the committee of accommodating an earlier date; discussion points included the difficulty of losing an entire month of time to read all the books, that children have always voted in April, and that having the new list go out in March and voting about the old list in April would create confusion. The issue stands that NHSLMA is interested in hosting the GSF tea, or at least a GSF event of some kind at their spring conference beginning in 2019. We are unable to think of an easy resolution without more collaboration between the interested parties. For now we will continue to reach out, extend invitations to school librarians to our spring conference, and offer them the \$35 discounted member price to attend the Tea.

Future planning:

2019/2021 will be joint NHLA/CLNH spring conferences, and 2018/2020 will be stand alone CLNH conferences. 2020 NHLA will be with NELA (at Radisson Hotel Manchester), so in all likelihood we will just do a KBA showcase stand alone that fall.

Action Items: Send out invitations for the conference in April

Membership Report:

Active members: 95

Lapsed: 32

Pending: 5

Summer Reading/CSLP:

Deborah Dutcher and Amber reported that they are booked for the CSLP conference in Denver, including travel arrangements. Deborah is attending as the state representative, funded by the CSLP. Meeting attendance for the CLNH CSLP representative (Amber) is also provided. CLNH will defray Amber's plane cost. In future years CLNH may need to consider defraying the cost of accommodation for the CLNH rep as well, as in the past they have roomed with the state representative, and we do not know how this will fall out going forward. This year is unique in that Amber wants her own room and so is paying for it on her own.

The CSLP conference is very state library focussed. One of the benefits is that attendees learn a lot about how other state libraries work, and the different concerns in different places. A primary purpose is for representative to voting on future CSLP themes. For reference, we know that 2019's theme is space, 2020 is fantasy, and 2021 will be animals.

(Starnet for space theme) This year Starnet will have an important presence in preparation for next year's astronomical theme.

Deb Dutcher also noted that the applications for the Boston Bruins visits will be available March 14th, and that the KBA grant applications are due the 15th of March.

NHLA/CLNH website:

Amber updated the membership benefits document and passed around copies for approval.

David continues to research Wordpress options for how to update header without changing the whole theme.

Marilyn has created a draft of the new version of the NHLA website. You can see the mockup of the website yourself in the NHLA meeting minutes.

Old Business:

Librarian of the Year award: Sam had not received any nominations yet at the time of the meeting. The deadline is April 2nd; so there is still time.

Action Items: Try putting a notice in the the NHTLA (NH Trustees) list serv to ask for nominations.

The plaque: We discussed when to ask for it back from last year's winner, and what we need to do in order to present the award this year. Based on photographs, it appears the plaque has two more plates available for new recipients names, so we will need a new plaque or in a few years time.

Action Items: We need to create a list of past winners at least starting now; it does not appear on the website.

Reminder of qualifications: Nominees need to be a CLNH member, they cannot have received it before, and they must be a NH library staff member.

New Business:

Deborah Dutcher about the KBA:

Deborah has being rocking the KBA legwork. Performers send applications to Deborah, (which they find thru the NH Arts Council Project); then she sends all the applications to all the committee members, who discuss, rank their favorites, and between them, figure out the new roster.

Deborah has updated the List of Children's presenters on the State library website, which is a useful resource for finding presenters above and beyond the KBA grant.

Deborah will make the KBA grant decisions.

CLNH has budgeted \$2000 for KBA grant help; the funds have already transferred because Ann Hooey wanted to make sure it was done before she left.

Raffle: We discussed the option of a KBA raffle. One of the raffle gifts in the past has been a KBA grant; you are entered by having filled out your previous summer reading program evaluation.

Action Items: Amber is emailing Ann about things, so she can also ask about how that raffle worked.

Meeting adjourned: Letty moved to adjourn; Mo and Amber second at 12:14pm.