CLNH Executive Board Meeting
Friday, February 8th, 2019
Local Government Center, Concord
Minutes compiled by Moriah Churchill-Calkins

In Attendance: Sam Lucius (President/ Wiggin Memorial Library), Moriah Churchill-Calkins (Secretary/Richards Free Library), Lisa Houde (Great Stone Face Committee Liaison), Molly Pevna (Treasurer/Website Editor/Hudson Rodgers Memorial Library), and Letty Soule (Immediate Past President/ Wadleigh Memorial Library)(virtually).

Not present: Azra Karabegovic (Vice-President/President Elect/ Minot Sleeper Library), Grace LaRochelle (NERTCL/NELA Liaison/Bedford Public Library), Deborah Dutcher (NH State Library), Amber Coughlin (Center for the Book Liaison/ Lebanon Public Libraries), Susan D. Laun (Membership Chair/ Portsmouth Public Library)

Quorum achieved

Call to Order: 10:40 am

Reports:
Secretary’s Report: Sam moved to approve the January minutes, Letty seconded.
Treasurer’s report: Molly reported that the missing money came from the Bruins. It turns out that they had sent the money to CSLP, so CSLP sent us the reimbursement check. We also had one 1000 Books Before Kindergarten bags order. There is one issue with a double payment; supposedly we paid and also the Bruins paid for something, but the place only has one payment on record. Molly plans to work on figuring that out.
Conference committee: Sam had copies of the tentative conference schedule that was in line to be adjusted at her conference committee meeting following our meeting. On the Friday, May 10th, we have Chris Rose scheduled in the biggest room, with a break to set up refreshments, and then the Great Stone Face tea in the big room. NHLA still intends to offer a discounted afternoon price to school librarians. We will learn that price, and the regular price, soon. Some of the rooms that will be used are on the smaller side, but the conference is in good shape.
Fall conference: The conference will be the 24th of October.
Action Item: Letty will send an email to check availability and price range at Grappone’s in Concord.

We talked about including some more panels; perhaps about evaluations and the summer reading theme (which will be fantasy/fairytales in 2020). The afternoon will be the KBA showcase, of course. We will probably have about 130-140 attendees, so we should look for a space that fits around 150. We discussed sending out a save the date before summer, and opening registration in August, rather than September. This will help with the need to have a hard deadline for
registration and payment since we are finding that last minute registration makes payment more complicated for participants.

**Great Stone Face:** Lisa’s meeting was postponed until Friday, February 15th to allow more time for reading before the last chance to add more books to the list. Lisa Harling, one of the newer committee members, has changed jobs to become a high school librarian. They are hopeful that she will be able to continue on the committee.

*Action Item:* Sam will touch base with conference bookseller have books available for folks to buy at the conference.

**Membership Report:** Susan is leaving us! She is going to help until we find a replacement.

*Action Item:* Sam will put out a call on the listserv, and talk to Amber who is great at that.

**Summer Reading/CSLP:** No update yet, we’ll talk soon about planning for the annual meeting.

**NERTCL:** NERTCL is the children’s and teen section of NELA. Grace passed along a reminder that their conference is on March 29th, in Methuen, MA. The keynote speech will be about library advocacy.

**NHLA:** No update yet; Sam has emailed them about Molly’s website access, and it sounds promising.

**State Library:** Deb passed along that she’s working on the Ladybug award presentation.

**Old Business**

**Librarian of the Year Award:** The nomination form is edited. Mo will receive the nomination emails, and Sam will email Azra the publicity materials. Sam has rediscovered the list of past winners and will work on putting the list on the website. Azra will be in charge of advertising for nominations; she can notify the listserv and she has access to all the things.

Sam moved to set deadline for nominations for Children’s Librarian of the year for May 31st, 2019 Letty seconded the motion.

*Action Items:* Sam will email publicity materials to Azra and post the list of past winners online.

**CLNH Logo:** We will introduce the competition to create a new CLNH logo in October, and hopefully have three top choices for members to vote on in Spring 2020.
Website: We discussed including links and resources for Summer Reading on the website; get that up.

Action Items: Sam will start a google doc to get us all working together to that.

Grant invitation: There was no update yet.

New Business:

Scholarship Fund:
Generally, our scholarship fund is used for people to get money for classes; we discussed whether we should we provide scholarship funds for folks to go to the Spring NHLA conference this May. We will continue to look into this option and discuss again next month. Molly looked into the budget and discovered that we have $1000 budgeted for scholarships.

Action Items: Sam will look at the scholarship form to see if it is open-ended enough to be used in such a way.

Homeschool Spelling Bee: There was no update. We discussed that we should see whether there is a person who wants to take on becoming a homeschool liason. They would not have to come to meetings very often.

Membership Chair position:

Action Items: Sam will send Amber an email asking for input; Sam or Azra will email the listserv.

Next Meeting: March 8th, to be finalized via email.

Adjourn: 11:33am