

CLNH Executive Board Meeting
Friday, January 11, 2019
Local Government Center, Concord
Minutes compiled by Moriah Churchill-Calkins

In Attendance: Sam Lucius (President/ Wiggin Memorial Library), Azra Karabegovic (Vice-President/President Elect/ Minot Sleeper Library), Moriah Churchill-Calkins (Secretary/Richards Free Library), Molly Pevna (Treasurer/Website Editor/Hudson Rodgers Memorial Library), Grace LaRochelle (NERTCL/NELA Liaison/Bedford Public Library), Lisa Houde (Great Stone Face Committee Liaison), and Letty Soule (Immediate Past President/ Wadleigh Memorial Library) (virtually).

Not present: 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: 10:37am

Reports:

Secretary's Report: Sam moved to approve the December minutes, Azra seconded.

Treasurer's report: Molly reported that one conference check came in, and some 1000 Books Before Kindergarten money came in. We are still waiting on the Bruins grant money to reimburse us for the Summer Reading Program manuals, which amounts to about \$2000. Molly and Deborah will continue to follow up with that.

Great State Face Committee: Lisa reported that the committee has added a new person, and they are plugging along with their work. The committee was scheduled to meet later during the same day, and committee members would be bringing new possible titles today and next month, and then it will time for the final list. Lisa suggested that we should think about how we want to handle the book talks about this year's list at the conference.

NERTCL Representative: Grace updated us about the NERTCL conference on March 29th, at the Nevins Library in Methuen, MA. Among other things, there will be drag queen storytime panel, and ice breakers at each table to facilitate networking. The keynote speaker for the day is finalized, and they are working on getting someone from Family Space to speak as well. Registration will open at some point in February.

Action Items: Grace can send infographics and/or fliers to Azra for publication via NHLA social media.

Website credentials: Azra has received website editing credentials in order to update the website as needed.

Action Items: We need to do a post about extra summer reading resources such as Starnet.

We need to complete the process of adding Facebook page editors.

Old Business:

Spring Conference in Meredith:

On January 4th, Sam attended an NHLA Spring Conference committee meeting. She reported that they have all of our proposals on the schedule, including: Chris Rose, the Great Stone Face tea, the Lady Bug Award program from Debbie, and our business meeting. We will have a presentation for children's librarians in every time slot on Friday May 10th, with a very little overlap. The conference registration fee is not yet finalized, and the schedule is not completely set in stone. There will be roundtables about programming and outreach as well as about the Inter Library Loan situation, although no update from the state is expected.

One of the first sessions on Friday will be a discussion of professional development opportunities available for children's librarians. We are hoping to get more ideas about what children's librarians really need; for example a "How to use Canva?" webinar. It was also suggested we could attempt webinars about collection development, weeding, and mindfulness.

Almost the only overlap for our members will be that the Flume/ Isinglass teen award and Debbie's Ladybug Award program are at the same time.

Also, Thursday's events of interest will include:

- Summer reading discussion, including strategies for coping, what we're excited about, how to evaluate, are you trying to measure outcomes through surveys.

Action Item: We should do a panel or speaker in the future about evaluation.

- Roundtable on youth services
- Music Therapy professional Juliet Huff of Concord will do a program about how to get a music therapist into your library, and how to use some music therapy strategies yourself.
- Bar night trivia hour

Great Stone Face Tea:

Tea and cookies need to be provided for the GSF tea. The catering estimate for tea and cookies was 10\$ per person, which seems a bit pricey. However, we are allowed to bring in outside food.

Action Items: Azra will look into cafes or catering options for cookies.

Lisa and Chris Rose will provide book lists to the Innisfree bookseller who will be onsite.

Children's Librarian of the Year timeline:

We can make the decision in the September meeting, and present the Award in the Fall. We will open applications next month as usual, and keep them open until May.

Action Items: Mo will receive the recommendations via email. (Be sure to update email on recommendation materials). Sam needs to get the list of past winners back up so library directors can tell if their choice is eligible.

New Business:

CLNH Logo:

NHLA has removed funds for a new logo from their budget. Without a logo to piggyback off of, we are free to choose a CLNH logo on our own.

We decided to attempt a logo contest. The prize can be free conference admission. We will try to have a few options for the Conference to be approved by the members via jar vote.

Grant Invitation:

Paul Reynolds emailed us about helping to pick three libraries in NH for their makerspace grant. We decided we would be open to the idea and would like to learn more.

Homeschool Spelling Bee:

The New Hampshire homeschool spelling bee is currently funded through the Nesmith Public Library. Silvie Brikiatis is looking for someone to take over the homeschool spelling bee. She would like for someone to do it in Concord. The spelling bee happens in January. Usually she charges participants around \$5 or \$10 for registration, which helps pay for the prize. We discussed adding a Homeschool Coordinator to our board who could head up projects like this.

Action Items: Before we move further we need to get more details from Silvie.

Next Meeting:

February 8th, 10:30 at the Local Government Center.

Sam adjourned the meeting at 11:50am.