Children’s Librarians of New Hampshire  
Friday, November 8th, 2019 Meeting  
State Offices, Concord, NH  
Minutes compiled by Moriah Churchill-Calkins

In Attendance: Azra Palo (President/ Nesmith Library), Sam Lucius (Past-President/ Wiggin Memorial Library), Molly Pevna (Treasurer/Website Editor/Nesmith Library), Deborah Dutcher (NH State Library), Nancy Sheridan (Great Stone Face Co-Chair /Colby Memorial Library).

Virtually: Moriah Churchill-Calkins (Secretary/Richards Free Library), Lisa Kleinmann (Membership Chair/ Durham Public Library)

Not Present: John Locke (Vice-president/president elect/ Meredith Public Library), Kris Murphy (NERTCL Representative/Nashua Public Library)

Quorum Achieved.

Called to order: 1:14pm

Introductions: We introduced ourselves, since we are joined by several new people. We are excited to welcome Nancy, Lisa, John, and Kris!

Reports:

Great Stone Face Report: Nancy reported that they have new members for the GSF committee, including a new public librarian and a new school librarian. The committee was scheduled to meet right after our meeting. Their agenda included time to compile some ideas for promoting the GSF list, so it can be even more useful. Email Sarah Hydorn or Nancy if you have any ideas for how to promote the list.

Secretary’s report: There was not time for board members to review the minutes; we’ll hold off on approving minutes until next time.

Treasurer’s report: Molly reported that the first deposit from the conference was around $1300. We made close to $300 on the raffle and made a profit from the conference. We have already reimbursed most board members for raffle items, with a few outstanding. The logo designer was paid for her work, as we had voted on and approved.

Debby: Her full report is attached. In brief: she attended a teen conference in Memphis; is starting to work on implementing a Train the Trainers event in Portsmouth with Julia Lanter. This November there will be an early learning meetup in Derry, where they will talk about STEM programming ideas for SRP 2020 for our littlest patrons. The upcoming Mother Goose on the Loose training has plenty of room.

Membership: Lisa is excited to be our membership representative. She has been involved in CHILIS/CLNH for a long time.

Action Items: Azra will get Wild Apricot access for Lisa to at the NHLA exec meeting in December.
New Business:
Official welcome to our new members! Our new chair members are officially appointed, and John was elected as vice-president at the conference with a quorum of members present.

Fall Conference 2019 Discussion:
Action Items: Azra will send out an email with a survey to conference attendees.

- We have already gotten some positive feedback from members, about the content we provided! And a little bit of less positive feedback regarding aspects of the KBA showcase.
- KBA showcase: We have hesitantly continued the KBA showcase for several years because the membership is very divided as to its efficacy. Now we have the statistics to suggest that the showcase is no longer the best idea. Debbi has talked to other states who are going through the same issue. We feel that it is time to discontinue the in-person showcase and move to a new format.
  - Lori, the Administrator of Library Operations at the State Library has reported that the statistics don’t support the continuance of the whole KBA grant. 15% more money was given away in KBA grants last year, with 20% less program attendance.
  - The KBA grant and showcase, while hosted by CLNH, is ultimately a project of the State Library, and the decision to discontinue the grant is their decision.
  - How can we support people in place of the KBA grant and showcase, then? Let's try to ask for input from the members. This will hopefully allow members to feel heard, and should also result in some brilliant ideas.

Conference Committee:
We are trying to create a conference committee to increase our member’s input and influence on the conferences we plan. Members are coming forward to join.
Action Items: Azra has scheduled a Conference Committee meeting in January.

YALS Partnership:
We have had a proposal from YALS to work much more closely together on conferences. They have added a new bylaw which encourage members to go to NHLA, and are trying to reduce conference fatigue. Their proposal is to discuss with them how we might:
A). CLNH and YALS have a combined youth conference in the spring on the opposite years to NHLA to host the FLUME, Isinglass, and Great Stone Face awards.
B). CLNH and YALS have a shared fall conference and provide content that appeals to both children’s and teen librarians, since so many of us are both.
  - We discussed these ideas and some of the issues that it brings up. Some of the things we discussed include:
    - Combining to such an extent would help increase communication with book award committees.
    - Figuring out the financials of (so many) joint conferences would be hard.
    - CLNH has a high rate of attendance at conferences, and maintaining that is a definite priority. We want to be inclusive of everyone.
○ No matter how far any other combination effort goes, it makes sense to definitely join up on content at the NHLA spring conferences every other year.
○ A combined spring conference hosting all the awards would mean most of the day given to awards. Maine does a big “reading round up” for the state awards, with breakouts for separate sections (school section etc).

Next step: Let’s get this meeting going with YALS. Let’s ask Julia when their conferences will be. We can discuss our concerns and enthusiasms then.

Unfortunately, the Secretary lost the call and could not finish the virtual meeting.
The meeting continued with Debbi leading a discussion about how to move forward regarding the KBA grants and summer reading.

Meeting adjourned: 3:01pm