Children’s Librarians of New Hampshire
Friday November 8th, 2019 Meeting
Virtual Meeting

In Attendance: Azra Palo (President/ Nesmith Library), Sam Lucius (Past-President/ Wiggin Memorial Library), Molly Pevna (Treasurer/Website Editor/Nesmith Library), Moriah Churchill-Calkins (Secretary /Richards Free Library), Kris Murphy (NERTCL Representative/Nashua Public Library)

Not Present: John Locke (Vice-President/President Elect/ Meredith Public Library), Deborah Dutcher (NH State Library), Nancy Sheridan (Great Stone Face Co-Chair /Colby Memorial Library), Lisa Kleinmann (Membership Chair/ Durham Public Library)

Quorum Achieved

Called to order: 1:14 pm

Reports:
Secretary: We discussed some specifics within the previous minutes; Azra moves to approve both minutes with adjustments. Sam seconded.
Treasurer: We got one 1000 BBK order come through, and deposited the rest of the income from the conference, amounting to another $2000. We made approximately $337 from the raffle.
President/ NHLA rep: The NHLA advocacy and legislative committees are joining forces into one committee. They currently have two bills that they are focussing on in the NH legislature. One is regarding a proposed requirement to get background checks for all performers, which would mean libraries would have to get background checks every time you hire a performer. This bill is considered doubtful to pass. The other bill has to do with public hearings in the case of terminations of employment. If a librarian gets fired they are entitled to a public hearing, but not if they are employed for less than 6 months.
NERTCL: Kris needs help making connections to get invited to the NERTL meetings. They have been lately working on updating and reviewing the current mission statement.

Action Items: Sam will email Shannon and Bethany and try to figure out how to get Kris included.

New Business:
Website: Bylaws and statements, Social Media
Our mission statement is a bit odd; we should take a look at it.

Action Items: Mo will work on Mission statement this winter and bring back some drafts and ideas.

We need to work on amending our bylaws to align with our increased collaboration on conferences with NELA, NHLA, and other sections. We discussed considering a vision statement.
Action item: Azra will ask Marina about fixing the error messages at the top of our page, and updating the “President” email tag.

We discussed increasing our social media presence and intentionality, and discussed considering adding a social media person as a non-voting appointed position.

Action Items: For now, Sam will do NHLA twitter posts for us, and Mo will work on increasing Facebook posts.

Old Business:
2020 NELA Conference
We learned from NELA that we can have a fall business meeting at the NELA/NHLA fall conference in 2020. We are required by our bylaws to meet and elect officers in our fall business meeting, which requires ⅓ of our members for a quorum. Since it may not be possible to get ⅓ of our members to a NELA/NHLA conference, we need to follow suite with NHLA and add virtual voting to our bylaws. In order to do this we will have to draft new bylaws; vote and approve as a board, and then members will have to approve the change at this spring conference. Somewhere in the process, we also have to show the change to the NHLA exec board. The next NHLA board meeting is February. We need to ask some questions about this process and when the change needs to be approved by NHLA.

Action item: Sam will ask Amy about how the change can be authenticated
Action item: Board members will look at our bylaws and NHLA’s bylaw about virtual voting
Action item: Azra will put bylaw adjustment into our January agenda

YALS-CLNH Presidents’ Meeting: Azra and Katharine Gatcomb (President of YALS) are meeting soon to plan a YALS/CLNH joint board meeting to discuss how we can collaborate more closely on conferences. We discussed some of the advantages and potential issues involved in such a collaboration, such as the logistics surrounding conferences, and the need for a document to describe exactly what moneys go into conferences. Azra would like to plan a small pilot project with them first to see how well the collaboration works.

We discussed what the pilot event might be. We could brainstorm what members might want at our spring conference; perhaps have a workshop or presenter.

Action Items: Azra will work with Katharine to schedule a CLNH/YALS Partnership Virtual Meeting

New Business:
Conference Committee will meet January 7th at 1:00. According to our bylaws, the President and VP are head of the conference committee. So Azra and John will be the people who actually manage the contract with conference locations.

We will put together a document containing the basic requirements for any potential conference location in order that the committee has something to work from.

We will need to pick a date early in May, being conscious of other sections’ conferences.
We will need to break down the conference budget into venue, food, and content expenses. Since we held the fall conference in the lakes region, and NELA was in the south, perhaps we should look in the Lincoln area.

Action Item: Sam will send some ideas about locations to help start the document
Action Item: Molly will make a spreadsheet of how we spent money on conferences
Action Item: Mo will begin basic requirements document

Conference feedback:
We discussed the results from the survey Azra sent about the fall 2019 conference.

Next Meeting:
January 10th, 1:00pm at Health Trust Building in Concord

Meeting adjourned 2:35pm