Children’s Librarians of New Hampshire  
Friday January 10th 2020 Meeting  
Healthtrust Building

**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), Nancy Sheridan (Great Stone Face Co-Chair /Colby Memorial Library), Lisa Kleinmann (Membership Chair/ Durham Public Library)

**Not Present:** John Locke (Vice-President/President Elect/ Meredith Public Library), Deborah Dutcher (NH State Library), Kris Murphy (NERTCL Representative/Nashua Public Library)

**Quorum Achieved**

**Called to order:** 1:28 pm

**Reports:**

**Great Stone Face Committee:** They are still in the midst of their deliberations, with two more months to read. They will vote in March and figure out what will be on the list. The committee is interested in knowing how people promote the Great Stone Face books to patrons. They sent out a survey, and got a few responses from teachers. Some of the recommendations include: make a bookmark with limited text; use Qr codes for use with smartphones. Please send any other ideas for promoting the list!

**Secretary:** Sam moved to approve the minutes, Molly seconded.

**Treasurer:** One last fall conference payment came in, so now everything is processed.

**NHLA:** In the NH legislature, a bill (HR1615) has been proposed that for every public program involving minors, libraries would need a background check for any performers. Azra will speak to the NHLA legislative committee against this bill. The hope is that it will be killed early as it is only sponsored by one person. It has a specific monetary fine involved for infractions, and it would require paying for a background check every time. The bill may be a response to drag queen story times, unfortunately.

**Membership:** Action Item: Lisa needs to have her contact info added to the website, and to be given access to Wild Apricot.

**Meeting Business:**

**Spring Conference:**

The new Conference Committee met! They talked about where to have the conference, and have decided on Gunstock Mountain Resort as a first choice, in either the first or second week in May. They talked over the feedback we received about the last conference, and have several ideas, including building in time to have everyone get up and move around by having librarians with stations displaying mini programs.
Action Items: They will create a google form to solicit presenters.
From the feedback, they discussed that people loved the breakout sessions, but we needed different spaces for it. A possible breakout session idea is one about public relations and social media, what works, who does it, how do you do it. They are meeting virtually again in 2 weeks on the 21st. They hope to have the google form ready.
They are also thinking about the keynote speaker or a panel. A favorite idea is to focus on mental health and self care for librarians. The panel might include some librarians (Mo would be willing to participate), perhaps meditation, mindfulness or yoga instructors, someone with a psychological or trauma informed perspective, and a police officer or de-escalation expert of some kind. There might be questions about dealing with specific situations, and we can help bust the stigma about talking about your own mental health. This could be in the morning so that it leads to lunchtime conversations!
With this theme in mind, we should lean toward a space that can hold our biggest turnout, close to 145 people.

KBA transition: The KBA Grant will go on this summer, then next year it will change focus to the new Summer Learning Grant. The SLG is already available this year; the applications are due in March. As far as we understand, the SLG money comes from the same pot, or part of the same pot of money as the money that has funded the KBA grant. CLNH is also part of that pot of money --we donate $2000 every year. We have to make a decision if we’re doing that. We need a breakdown from Deb about how the grant funding works.

Action Items: We will email Deb and CC us. Let’s get the info and talk about it next month.

CLNH/YALS Collaboration: Azra was scheduled to meet with YALs President Katharine the next day, to chat about the YALS/CLNH collaboration and perhaps set up a pilot event..

Social media:
Action Items: Mo will post more to the facebook page. We should try to get someone from the conference committee involved as well. Lisa will do membership-related posts.

Membership Benefits: On the website we have an old document that lays out the benefits of being a member, but it is feeling dated.
Action item: Lisa will look at this document.

2020 Fall NHLA/NELA conference: NELA and NHLA are having a joint conference this fall, so we are having our fall business meeting there, with no showcase. Since our librarians will have already done great things with the Summer Learning Grants this summer, we can show them off at the fall meeting. We can also display what RI has done with their similar version of the grant.
The theme is “Creativity takes Courage.” They are looking at playing up arts and storytelling. Kris suggested Paul Reynolds of FableVisions’ “Fablab” as a good speaker for NERTCL, or CLNH. Fab Lab awards grants related to maker spaces.

**Bylaws:**
We may not have the best turnout since this is a shared conference. Looking over the bylaws, we discussed that the bylaws allow us to hold an online vote BEFORE the conference. We need to make some updates to the bylaws.

  *Action Items: Mo will make the agreed on changes to the bylaws, and bring 2 new versions of our Objective statement, and an updated draft of the bylaws.*

**Next Meeting:**
We meet virtually on February 14th at 1:00 and record it in the app.

*Azra adjourned the meeting at 3:12*