Children’s Librarians of New Hampshire  
Friday March 13th, 2020 Meeting  
Virtual Meeting

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

Quorum Achieved

I. Call to Order: 1:13pm
II. Introductions: We discussed the status of COVID-19 in our libraries as of March 13th.

III. Reports:
A. Great Stone Face: The committee doesn’t have the new list quite yet. They are concerned about the Stone Face Tea with the conference up in the air. Releasing the new list should be okay, as they can introduce the books virtually. Both the voting for the winner and the finalization of the new list will happen in April. The committee is discussing ideas for a new and better brochure.

Action Items: Azra will forward an email she received from a member asking about the lists
B. Secretary’s report: Nothing prepared today
C. Treasurer’s report: Nothing to report other than that the conference venue did receive the deposit.
D. President’s report: The next NHLA meeting is in April. If Azra hears from NHLA president with instructions to do with the conference, she’ll give us a heads up.

IV. New Business:
A. NHPR: New Hampshire Public Radio is looking for things to fill segments, in the fall. We could do something to boost children’s services.

Action item: Molly will email her contacts about this
B. CLNH Spring Conference: Vermont has cancelled their spring conference and put it online.

We could look into moving on line? The technology has got to be there, but it would require completely restructuring our beautiful agenda. We anticipate cancelling the in-person conference, but are still deciding about a virtual version. We will make a final call by April 23rd. We will need to look into cancelling with the venue.

Action Item: Find out how to get our deposit back.

READS has a conference and has posted that are still planning round tables. Portsmouth is committed to staying open. Since things are still so up in the air, we’ll keep on this and check in via email on Friday, March 20th. If libraries start closing the decision will be made for us.
**Action item: Check in via email on Friday March 20th**

We discussed reaching out to our members to gather opinions, but ultimately decided that right now it is most important to work on closing the uncertainty gap and make a decisive choice so that people don’t have to worry about this one thing, at least.

We are tentatively considering the idea of attempting a virtual conference. We could find people to do virtual talks, probably. The author sent a proposal of what they are going to talk about.

**Action item: send that by email, we will respond yay or nay.**

**C. NELA conference:** We have some neat proposals come together from what Sam is working on:

The MIT Media Lab creative learning folks are interested in coming to the conference. Also, the Citizen science panel has some people who have agreed to participate.

NH Listens Everyday Democracy ran a workshop about intergenerational equity. We could ask if they might be willing to send somebody.

Professional panel: Youth librarians as leaders and managers. We are looking for people to join a panel to give a short bio; how did you get there, if you could go back and give yourself advice what would it be, what were the biggest challenges, things like that.

**Action Items: Sam will reach out to 3 people directors; Azra will do questions for that.**

**V. Old Business:**

**YALS/CLNH poll:** We heard back from a lot of people. The consensus is that everyone does programming for both children and teens, and would love to see more joint material and would love a combined conference.

**VI. Meeting Adjourned  2:30pm**

**Historical note:**

As we concluded our meeting, school departments in the southern part of the state started to announce closures and our board members shared the news as they got announcements. Schools closed in Nashua, Bedford, and Stratham. By Monday, many more would close, and many libraries. It is important to note that at this point we were still poised on the brink of the pandemic.