

READS Executive Board Meeting  
Wednesday, August 3, 2005  
10 am @ Rye Public Library

The meeting was called to order by President Sarah Leonardi. In attendance were Claudia Mayer, Diane Arrato Gavrish, Trisha Quinn, Brian Hackert, Heather Shumway and Sarah Leonardi.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Tricia presented the financial report. The READS savings account balance as of June 30, 2005 is \$3205.42. The checking account balance as of the same date is \$2,723.25. Expenses included: \$219.12 for ILL Roundtable program and \$73.69 for NHLA conference. It has been recommended that we put more of this checking money into savings and only keep \$500 in checking. When a check needs to be created it is easy to move the money from savings to checking.

Sarah will try to attend the NHLA meetings on behalf of READS. It is reported that there are 155 members of READS and 9 new members. We will try to get the most up to date listing of membership that we can from the State.

Claudia reports that Denise Grimes from Weeks Memorial Library has joined the Programming Committee. Plans are coming along for the fall conference on October 7 at Kimball Union. . Claudia and a few members of the Programming Committee will be checking out the facilities at Kimball Union and will finalize plans. The program will feature Melissa Martin, an attorney from Lebanon, who will discuss internet safety and policies. The program could consist of either a discussion of existing internet policies or a panel discussion of the legality of Internet policies. We will have to plan the set up of the day as to whether the Board meeting should be before or after lunch and when our READS award will be given out. A suggestion was to give the award out in the cafeteria in conjunction with lunch.

Brian has been doing publicity for READS; his most recent article is featured in Granite State Libraries, the July/Aug/Sept 2005 issue.

The newly created READS Award of Excellence was discussed. Four nominations were received by the deadline this summer. For this first award, the Board acted as the Selection Committee. The physical award itself was not decided on, but will be in time to announce the winner at the Fall Conference. All nominees will be notified in writing of their nomination.

New business included a review of the scheme created by Sarah for the organization of READS. This includes the Executive Board job descriptions, the Committee descriptions and duties and opportunities for new members. Specific Board members were asked to take a look at various job descriptions and make any revisions or changes before the next meeting. It is felt that with more specific and clear duties listed it will be an advantage to recruiting new members to READS positions.

It is hoped that the NHLA newsletter may resurface. NH librarians are encouraged to sign up and use Web Junction for list service instead of NHLA-L. On August 16 from 10-2 there will be a program on the annual NHLA conference regarding the combined conference and better communication between the school/media librarians and the public librarians.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Arrato Gavrish  
Secretary