

READS Executive Board
Local Government Center
Friday, August 14, 2009
10:00 a.m.

Present: Amy Lapointe, Linda Taggart, Chris Hague, Deann Hunter, Emily Weiss, Caitlin Stevens, Marija Sanderling

Call to order: Amy Lapointe called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

A **MOTION** was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2009 meeting. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Deann Hunter

Deann distributed a draft 2009-2010 budget. Printing costs for the READS Award announcement postcard has caused us to go over budget. Next year we could post the announcement on the NHAIS listserv and the READS blog. We will poll the members at the annual meeting to find out how they prefer to hear from us. The READS-To-Go program has a \$100 increase, from \$500 to \$600, in the proposed budget. A **MOTION** was made and seconded to accept the proposed budget. Passed unanimously.

President's Report: Amy Lapointe

Amy reported on the NHLA Executive Board meeting of June 16.

Vice President's Report: Linda Taggart

Linda has been in contact with Pam Gjettum about the READS brochures. The exact numbers, deadline, and specs about the brochure need to be given to Linda before she can approach her in-house team about printing them for us.

Public Relations Report:

Diane Arrato Gavrish regrettably tendered her resignation due to work obligations. She submitted a written report in which she said that our inventory of ribbons, pens, etc. is adequate at this point. Chris Hague will work on filling the vacancy.

Membership Report: Emily Weiss

We currently have 184 members. Emily contacted Diana Degan at the State Library regarding starting up a READS listserv.

Programming Report:

Chris will contact the programming committee with the list of READS Award nominees so that the registration table will be aware of who will be receiving a free registration.

READS-To-Go Report:

Diane Mayr submitted a written report. We have now received 25 additional canvas bags and can add four more kits for which we already have sponsors. We currently have 50 kits (49 titles). The four new kits will be:

In the Woods by Tana French, Portsmouth P.L.

Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout, Minot-Sleeper L., Bristol

The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao by Junot Diaz, Lee P.L.

Those Who Save Us by Jenna Blum, donated by Hillstown Co-op, housed at Amherst P.L.

Past President's Report: Chris Hague

Chris has received three nominations for the READS Award so far. She is looking for candidates for the Vice President and Secretary positions. Chris will forward candidate information to Marija by the first week in October so Marija can make up the ballots.

Conference Committee Liaison: Caitlin Stevens

This year's conference theme is No Money, No Problem - Working on a Shoestring. Speakers will include Lichen Rancourt on social networking as a way of marketing the library; Shelly Angers from the NH Department of Cultural Resources; and a panel of directors who have run successful marketing campaigns. The conference will be held Friday, October 23, 9:00-3:00 at the Local Government Center, Concord.

Old Business

READS website status: Steve Butzel has made all the necessary changes so far, and the website is in good condition at this point. Linda Taggart will make sure the conference brochure gets up on the site as soon as it's available.

New Business

Fall program: Caitlin will forward the conference information to the executive board members when it becomes available.

Archives: Marija will contact Donna Gilbreth and Victoria Lang for 2008-2009 program committee minutes and brochures to include in the archives. The board decided that the two plastic bins that hold the archives should be housed at the secretary's library. Marija has them in storage at the Lane Memorial Library in Hampton at the moment and will pass them on to the next secretary at the end of the year.

Postage and delivery options: We will poll attendees at the annual business meeting to get a sense of how members prefer to receive information from us. Chris spoke with Ruby at the state library, who indicated that if we include the library code on our labels, we can distribute information via the van. Emily will work on getting the library codes into our database of members.

Annual Reports: Executive Board members need to get annual reports to Amy by early October.

Chris Hague will get candidate information together for Marija by the first week in October so she can make up the ballot by annual meeting.

Adjournment: 11:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marija Sanderling
Secretary