

READS Executive Board
Local Government Center
Profile Room
Friday, January 22, 2010
10:00 am

Present: Diane Mayr, Deann Hunter, Lori Fisher, Linda Taggart, Gaye Kulvete, Emily Weiss, Caitlin Stevens, Mary Cronin

Call to Order: Linda Taggart called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

A MOTION was made by Gaye Kulvete, seconded by Lori Fisher, to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2009 meeting with one correction to the Vice President's Report: Carl Heidenblad will meet with treasurers of NHLA sections, not Steve Butzel.

Treasurer's Report: Deann Hunter

Deann distributed 2006-2010 budget and Treasurer's report showing income and expenses since last meeting. Deann noted that since the report was run, the bill from the Local Government Center for the READS fall conference for the caterers had come in. All bills from the fall conference are now in except for the gift baskets and expenses for the Award of Excellence and photocopying. READS essentially broke even on the fall conference with \$1,650 in income. \$30 in conference fees was reimbursed to one award nominee.

President's Report: Linda Taggart

Linda attended the December 15, 2009 NHLA Board Meeting. Carl Heidenblad will hold a Treasurers' Council on February 16 to go over best practices with NHLA section Treasurers. The NELA representative reported that NELLs will not happen in 2010 due to budget constraints; hopes are that it can be held in 2011. The Board approved a Resolution supporting the 2009 Amendments to the USA-PATRIOT Act. NHAIS representative reported that Evergreen was the ILS chosen for the statewide automation project for smaller libraries. NHLA will hold an invite-only Small Library Summit for librarians serving communities of 3,000 or fewer. The NHLA has hired a new lobbyist, and is looking for members for a Legislative Committee to work with the lobbyist.

Linda contacted the person from Maine Library Assoc. interested in starting a section similar to READS. No further communication since initial contact.

Vice President's Report: Gaye Kulvete

No report this month.

Public Relations Report: Lori Fisher

Lori did a supply inventory. Plates and forks are in short supply. Pam Gjettum requested materials for the upcoming READS spring roundtables; Lori will send these to hosting libraries on NHSL van. READS board meetings have been added to the NHLA website. Lori has uploaded some READS photos to the NHLA Flickr account. NHAIS advisory board meets on April 19 in Keene. The question was raised whether representation on NHAIS board could rotate among members; answer is still up in the air. Lori asked for suggestions for a free program that will work with FTP for maintaining the READS section of the NHLA website. Sea Monkey and nvu were suggested. This is not a long-term need since NHLA is moving website to a CMS soon.

Membership Report: Emily Weiss

Letters were sent by NHLA in December for 2010 membership. The winner of the READS Award of Excellence, Pamela Smith of the Howe Library in Hanover, receives free membership for the year. So far, there are 97 READS members, about half the number of last year's so far. Half of members requested electronic contact. Emily set up a Yahoo group to manage email contact to members.

Program Committee Report:

Spring Roundtables will have the theme "Best of Times, Worst of Times" and focus on library services during the recession. Dates are Monday, March 29 at the Rodgers Memorial Library in Hudson, Wednesday, March 31 at the Tracy Memorial Library in New London, and Friday, April 2 at the Moultonborough Public Library; all will run from 10 am to 12 noon. Program registration brochures are in progress; Nashua's print shop will print them for free (Thank you!). Brochure should be sent to Lori Fisher for proofreading before printing.

Reads-to-Go Report: Diane Mayr

There are 59 kits now, with 58 different titles. Reads-To-Go is still offering sponsorships. "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett will be ready in May. There will be a book discussion roundtable offered at the NHLA Spring Conference in May.

Past President's Report: Amy Lapointe

No report (absent).

Conference Committee Report: Caitlin Stevens

READS is hosting three programs at the NHLA Spring Conference in May: "Reading Women" (women's fiction, romance, chick lit for reading groups) with Nanci Milone Hill of the Nevins Memorial Library in Methuen, MA; a READS Roundtable "Read Any Good Books Lately?" led by Diane Gilson and Tricia Ryden; and "Supervising Employees in Stressful Times" with Jonathan Sheff of Primex.

Old Business

NHLA Spring Conference Programs: see Conference Committee Report, above.

Award of Excellence: Linda Taggart will send nomination form to Lori Fisher to put on website.

Maine Library Ass'n: Discussed; see President's report (above).

NHAIS Rep from READS: Discussed; see President's report (above).

New Business

Spring Roundtables: Lori will post a blurb in the NHLA blog and the NHAIS-L listserv. Sue on the READS programming committee will need mailing list to make labels for Spring Roundtables brochures.

Linda Taggart handed out table showing 2010 READS scheduled events and activities.

Lori Fisher asked how many pens and pads were needed for spring conference. Pam Gjettum will need 20 each pads and pens for spring roundtables, leaving about 300 for NHLA Spring Conference. Lori will check with Diane Arrato Gavrish to see how many are needed for the NHLA conference. Deann will check invoice from last year's orders to see how many were ordered. Lori will find out if Pam Gjettum may also need nametags for spring roundtable programs.

The Board discussed how to handle invoices during Treasurer's upcoming leave. Diane Mayr offered to pass bills along to NHLA Treasurer Carl Heidenblad.

Adjourn: Linda Taggart moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Cronin
Secretary