

NHIDA January 8, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Attending: Anne Eaton, Sue Morbey, Claudia Golda-Dominguez, Leslie Benton-Norris, Anne Ehert, Audrey Burke, Kara Garvey-Knapp, Bette Nelson, Gloria James

Absent: Valerie Leuchter, Rebecca Nelson-Avery, Phyllis Schlichter, Michael Patten, Sandy Roberts, Michelle Stinson, Shannon Dixon-Yandow

Secretary's Report: Approval of December meeting minutes. Minutes not available; tabled until next meeting

Treasurer's Report:

- Account balance as of 12/23/15 \$77,204.48; Donation of \$1000.00 from Masonic Click for Literacy not included.
- Checking account signers updated: Eaton, Burke, Morbey.
- Credit cards: Beth's and Melissa's cards cancelled. Anne has card. Card for Audrey and Sue in progress.

501(c)(3) business: Anne Ehret provided the Board with a copy of the 9/29/09 wire transfer reflecting the transfer of \$25,081.37 from New England Branch IDA / Vermont Region into NHIDA's bank account. The understanding at the time, and continuing, is that those funds would revert to Vermont in the event Vermont chose to establish its own IDA branch.

Finance Committee: Anne met with bookkeeper to go over QuickBooks accounts, classes, and transaction logs. She is currently logging transactions and has completed postings through August. Note: She is being paid by hour. The first bill will likely be a large amount because it covers six months of transactions. However, it is much needed to have a full accounting of our finances.

Review draft budget for 2016 – will need to be finalized when QuickBooks data becomes available. Sue will be keeping track of expenses and sending monthly reports to Mary.

Membership Committee: 180 members Oct. 1, 2015; 177 Nov. 1, 2015; 167 Dec. 1, 2015. Claudia noted that the drop in November and December may be the result of lapsed memberships from people joined for lower price for the 2014 conference. It was suggested that the Membership Committee create a comparative listing of the past and current members and send a survey to former members to find out why they did not renew.

Conference Committee:

- Ron Yoshimoto update: Leslie has had contact that Ron is definitely coming for Sept. 23, 2016 conference. However it is not yet known whether any other conference or group will be available to split travel expenses if he was presenting for them in our timeframe. Stated speaker's fee is \$2,500.00.
- Update on 2017 conference speaker(s). Waiting on word from Sarah Ward about reduced speaker's fee that would be within our budget. Still in negotiation. If not, we need to seek alternative speakers for 2017

Outreach:)

- NCC wants another sort of presentation, maybe a demonstration Wilson or O-G lesson with a simultaneous narrative explaining the process. A power point and video program developed by IDA in 2003 is available. Anne has a copy. Quite scripted. Sue will run it by NCC contact. Possibility of power point which includes a simulation, then the mock lesson. More for next meeting.

Website/FB: Not much activity, maybe two hits.

Webinar: Registration for the Report Form webinar started slow, but by the closing date 28 had registered, registrants – equal numbers from Maine and New Hampshire, one person from Virginia, and the balance from Massachusetts. We appreciated the assistance provided by Rhode Island and Massachusetts IDA branches in advertising this to their members. If the Language Circle can accommodate the registration of a last minute group of six, that will bring the total to 34. Registration fees more than covered the cost of the webinar.

Fundraising: TeamQuest initiative. Brochures were delivered from Home Office. Marathon taking off in many areas, not so much interest here. This event provides the potential for significant fund raising, but the Board feels unprepared to take on another initiative. Anne described the option of “virtual” participation – registering to raise funds in support of TeamQuest without actually intending to run the marathon. The Board was supportive of having Anne pursue this if she can carve out the time.

Legislative: Update on House Study Committee report and current status of legislation; HB1644- Establishing a position for an individual to develop material and process for districts to use as a resource for early identification of dyslexic students, for dyslexic students’ instruction or implementation of strategies to assist students and providers. Education Committee hearing will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 12th, Room 207 of the LOB in Concord. Please contact your legislators in support of this bill.

Newsletter: Next issue due out in February. Bette has been searching for and sending Yoshimoto articles to Sue. The newsletter will also include notice of Wrightslaw training in Bangor, Greenwood/Stern event in Vermont, NCC event in Nashua, US DOE clarification memo, and (if the timing is right) announcement about the dyslexia simulation at Greenwood School. Committee members (Valerie, Phyllis, Bette, Sue, and Sandy) still need to search out some video content. Sue is planning another Orton Oak article. Anne will provide support for Constant Contact as needed.

Vermont: Update: Kara and Anne Ehret very excited about scheduling simulations at Greenwood School. Claudia will lead the simulation. Dates discussed. Also, on separate date, will organize a movie screening. Possibility of a parent information night, as well.

2016 meeting dates:

- Feb. 12, March 11, April 8 (or after NCC event), May 13, and June 24
- Annual planning session – Saturday, July 9th

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:15. Seconded by Audrey. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Bette Nelson