

Reads-To-Go Committee Meeting
(via Go-To-Meeting)
Monday Sept. 27, 2021

Present: Brianna Hemmah, Jessica DeLangie, Michele Ricca, Martha Simmons, Tricia Ryden

Call to Order/Acceptance of Minutes: Brianna called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm. No changes to the Agenda were requested. The minutes from the June 28, 2021 meeting were approved.

Old Business: Brianna gave a progress update on kits. She has not given out the list of potential kits to libraries in a while, partly because we've had two libraries donate kits with books purchased from ARPA funds: *The Exiles* hosted by Gilsum and *Miss Benson's Beetle* hosted by WA Bachelder. We also had a library donate *Beekeeper's Apprentice* which had been a Community Reads book. She also followed up with two libraries who had been sent bags for kits quite a while ago, but the kits were never completed for a variety of reasons. Brianna asked the libraries to either return the bags, as they are expensive, or complete the kits so that they can circulate. The libraries are going to complete the kits, so we will finally get some kits from a few years ago. The kits are *Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk* and *Underground Railroad*.

New Business:

- **Book Discussion:**

- **Books Approved for Kits:** The Committee went through the list of books that had been approved for kits and removed a few that have waned in popularity, including *Dear Edward* and *Long Bright River*. The group also moved *Midnight Library* from the list of potential titles to the list of approved titles.
- **Potential Books for Kits:** The Committee removed a few potential titles including *American Dirt*, *Carville's Cure* and *The Last Bookshop in London*. Several new titles were added including *Gold Diggers*, *Mary Jane*, *Project Hail Mary*, and *The Summer Seekers*. Martha noted that she has gotten the feedback that some book groups would like to see more uplifting titles added. Tricia said that *Mary Jane* and *The House in the Cerulean Sea* are both uplifting books, and Michele suggested *The Summer Seekers* as another uplifting possibility.

- **Website update:** In response to a librarian who had contacted us regarding their inability to access the printable list of RTG titles from the website, Brianna explained that the NHLA website is still under construction, and she is not able to update RTG documents until that work is done. However, she was able to make the printable list available to her

and Martha through the Kit Keeper site, so if people are looking for the printable list of titles, Martha or Brianna can send it along to them.

Next meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 pm. Brianna will email us all with potential dates for the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Tricia Ryden