

## **NHLTA EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

**October 15, 2024**

**Present:** Marcia McLaughlin, Conrad Moses, Connie Kirwin, Cathy Harvey, Janet Hromjak, Kathy Parenti, Tammy Hooker, Mark Branoff, Jeanne Palleiko, Pat Pustell, Katrinka Pellecchia

**Absent:** Renee Mallett, Debra Ackerman

Chair Cathy Harvey called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM

### **Approval of Minutes**

Conrad Moses requested that he be shown as absent from the September meeting. Marcia made the motion to accept the minutes as amended and Jeanne seconded the motion. The vote was favorable to approve the minutes as amended.

### **Report on Regional Gatherings**

Ossipee: Katrinka reported that the meeting was possibly one of the best regional meetings she has attended. Like the seating set up – in rows rather than a circle. Complimented Pat as the hostess and Rosemary was excellent in leading. (28 attended of the 30 registered) There was interest expressed in doing another gathering in Wolfeboro or Effingham in the spring.

Milford: October 22 – 10-10:30 a.m. Janet and Connie met with the acting director to plan. There are currently 34 registered, which includes two NHLTS board members and four Wadleigh trustees.

Katrinka suggested that instead of using the survey questions to begin the conversation the leader use it as a backup.

### **Annual Conference**

Janet Hromjack – Kelly Jensen will be the keynote speaker, will speak about censorship; sent out 98 RFP's, 32 new people, due back December 12, four so far. Sponsorships: all major sponsorships have been sold, added a water bottle sponsor - four workshops, five tables. Discussion with Deb Hoadley, president of NLHA, re a table swap at conferences, will discuss at the November meeting. Connie moved we offer a free table, seconded by Marcia. Motion approved. Marcia mentioned the discussion previously about having all directors be NHLTA members. Will be discussed at the next meeting.

Discussion about when motions would actually be required. Cathy - money matters require a board vote, all others committee chairs. Janet doesn't want to have to ask the committee for sponsorship pricing. It's about timing according to Tammy. Janet has

offered a free table to the state library. Janet to send link for sponsors to Connie for the website. Tammy and Janet complimented each other on the great job each is doing.

Discussion about payment required to show complete registration on conference listing. This led to Connie recommending that a board decision be made regarding this as it is a financial decision.

Wild Apricot re surveys – cannot use for surveys for 2025 but will look at a Google doc for 2026. Google surveys could also be used for Gatherings, workshops. Would not need Constant Contact as we use it only for surveys. Used only for workshops and conference. A suggestion was made that we do a test survey. Tammy will put together a quick survey and send it out to those on the meeting.

Mark – NHMA annual meeting Halloween week; NELA meeting will be held next week in Portland, ME.

Motion to adjourn made by Tammy, seconded by Janet. Motion carried.

Next meeting – November 19 at 10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia McLaughlin