

Northern Lights Library Network
Governing Board

Dec 16, 2006

MINUTES

Present: Linda Unruh, Paul Bursik, Stanley Iverson, Joyce Kalbakdalen, Joan Larson, Brook Berg, Walt Dunlap.

Also present: Ruth Solie, Chris McArthur

1. Meeting was called to order by President Linda Unruh and introductions were completed.
2. It was moved and seconded (Brook/Joyce) to approve the agenda as presented. MCU.
3. It was moved and seconded (Paul/Walt) to accept the minutes of Oct 21, 2006, as presented. MCU.
4. After discussion it was moved and seconded (Joyce/Paul) to approve the Oct and Nov, 2006, bills as presented. MCU.
5. After review, it was moved and seconded (Jocye/Brook) to accept the financial reports for Oct and Nov, 2006, as presented. MCU.
6. Ruth went through the new NLLN website demonstrating the navigation and content. There was an active discussion, comments, and suggestions for the improvement of the website. Ruth answered questions and said these suggested changes would be made. She will encourage further comments and suggestions when members have had a chance to use it more. It has been an interesting and intense undertaking as the website has considerable content and incorporates several new tools. Ann Treacy did a good job of designing and implementing the page.
7. The North Star Library Consortium has reached 89 participating libraries. Two days of Destiny training have just been completed for the newest 15 libraries to join the Consortium. Linda Unruh represented First Lutheran Church at this training and commented on the intensity of the training – and the rewards. Ruth noted that there is a possibility that if grant funds are available we might purchase additional licenses and write into a future grant the cost of converting non-automated libraries. There is still a need for school and special libraries to have an opportunity to join the Consortium at reduced costs.

8. Early Childhood Issues have centered on the Get MN Ready for K! initiative and the legislative proposals associated with this initiative. This initiative is a plank in the MLA/MEMO legislative platform. Ruth explained that it is a complex legislative initiative that includes libraries as part of the early care and education infrastructure. The "Lessons Learned" Booklet from the Mn Initiative Funds Early Childhood Community Initiatives was distributed. The West Central Initiative Fund showcased the White Earth Community with a picture of the Readmobile.
9. New Business:
 - A. It was moved and seconded (Paul/Brook) to begin using the new IRS mileage rate of \$.485 as of January 1, 2007. MCU.
 - B. Ruth demonstrated the OPAL Conferencing software and asked the Board to consider purchase of this for use within the NLLN region for small meetings and for workshops. After discussion, it was moved and seconded (Paul/Walt) to authorize Ruth to proceed with a subscription for one year at \$500, if this seemed the conferencing software best suited to NLLN needs. MCU. Ruth said she would evaluate other conferencing software and confer with the other multitype systems about a joint subscription.
 - C. Connie Jones asked to be replaced as the Governing Board secretary. It was accepted and Joyce Kalbakdalen was nominated and elected secretary by unanimous ballot. (Paul/Joan) MCU.
 - D. President Linda noted the need for someone to chair the Personnel Committee and someone to review NLLN policies before the May Executive Board meeting. She appointed Paul Bursik to chair Personnel and to review the personnel policy; he will also conduct the Director's Review and participate in the May Executive Board meeting. Dan Olson was asked to review the remainder of the policies for the Executive Board meeting.
10. Due to time, the membership reports were confined to lunch discussions, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm. Next meeting is February 17, 2007, in Detroit Lakes.

Minutes submitted by Joyce Kalbakdalen, Secretary