

**Northern Lights Library Network
Governing Board**

Minutes

**February 17, 2007
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Graystone Hotel
Detroit Lakes, MN**

Present: Linda Unruh, Paul Bursik, Stan Iverson, Dan Olson, Chris McArthur, Joan Larson, Connie Jones.

Also present: Ruth Solie, Deb Keena.

Absent: Joyce Kalbakdalen, Walt Dunlap, Brook Berg.

1. Meeting was called to order by President, Linda Unruh at 10:09 AM.
2. It was moved and seconded (Bursik/Olson) to approve the agenda as presented. MCU
3. It was moved and seconded (Iverson/Larson) to approve the minutes of Dec. 16, 2006, as presented. MCU
4. After discussion it was moved and seconded (Bursik/Olson) to approve the Dec. 2006 and Jan. 2007, bills as presented. MCU
5. After review, it was moved and seconded (Olson/Bursik) to accept the financial reports for Dec. 2006 and Jan. 2007, as presented. MCU
6. North Star Library Consortium summer work: It was proposed to hire Chris McArthur for summer work: catalog clean-up, webpage enhancement, continue training, retrospective conversion, and planning for workshops. It was recommended to pay Chris \$6,000.00 plus expenses for the months of May-Aug. If additional help is needed with retrospective cataloging (\$1,000 - \$2,000) that should be included, too. It was moved and seconded to spend up to \$8,000 from account 806.0 for the North Star Consortium summer work by Chris McArthur and an aide. (Iverson/Olson) There was a discussion. MCU
7. Ruth reported that the White Earth Readmobile is moving forward very slowly due to a lack of staffing, funding, and a need for assistance beyond what NLLN can supply. It is hoped that possible new funding from the legislature, working with the Midwest Mn Community Development Corp, or having the services of a VISTA volunteer might help with some of these costs. The staff is working on a comprehensive plan, but work is slow. Ruth expressed concern but does not feel she can do the planning for them, only assist.

8. "Get MN Ready for K" legislation introduced in the House and Senate. Under the provisions of the Family, Friend and Neighbor programs there is funding for libraries, readmobiles, and language immersion programs. These programs are probably all dependent on new revenue sources so the outcome is uncertain at this point.

9. Ruth updated the Board on the Spotlight on Books Conference coming in April. It looks to be a good line up of authors and workshop sessions. Registrations are coming in.

10. It was moved and seconded to change the date of the Annual Meeting to April 28, 2007. (Iverson/Bursik) MCU.

11. Northern Lights Library Network photocopier lease is up and Ruth is to look into renewing the lease, again. The digital camera is out dated. It was moved and seconded to authorize Ruth to purchase a new digital camera, the cost to be taken out of account 801.0. (Jones/Iverson) MCU

12. History Museum of East Ottertail is working on a Leadership Grant from the Insitute of Museum and Library Services. It is a proposal to do a museum/library digitization demonstration project in the NLLN region that could serve as a model for state and national undertakings. Northern Lights Library Network will be a partner in this project to facilitate training, but will not be the fiscal agent for the project. It was moved and seconded that NLLN will participate in this grant application and will work with the History Museum of East Ottertail to facilitate communication and training if the grant is awarded. (Bursik/Larson) MCU.

13. Library Legislative day was discussed. Ruth and Paul will be attending; other board members were urged to contact their legislators in support of the MLA platform.

14. Meeting was adjourned at 1:14 PM.