

**Northern Lights Library Network
Governing Board**

Minutes

**February 20, 2010
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Graystone Hotel
Detroit Lakes, MN**

Present: Paul Bursik, Joyce Kalbakdalen, Gay Galles, Stan Iverson, Walt Dunlap, Lina Belar, Erika Rux.

Also present: Ruth Solie, Deb Keena

Absent: Ruth Holmgren

1. Meeting was called to order by President Paul Bursik at 9:59 AM.
2. Agenda was adopted as presented.
3. Minutes from December 12, 2009, meeting were approved as presented.
4. Financial reports for Dec. 2009/Jan. 2010 were discussed and approved as presented. Kalbakdalen/Belar MCU.
5. Old Business:
 - A. 2010 Annual Meeting: Annual Meeting will be held at the Veteran's Museum in Perham on April 17th, 2010. First choices for guest speakers were not available; Lina will coordinate guest speaker and luncheon. Ruth presented a list of items that would be appropriate for the Board to hear about; discussion of a variety of guest speakers to speak on these topics. Board members volunteered to help coordinate presentations on various topics for presentations; participants will be asked to pre-register (general community will be invited to attend – Lina will handle publicity, beyond NLLN community). Governing Board will meet before. Board meeting will be at 9:30AM and the Annual meeting portion will be at 10:00AM to noonish followed by lunch/entertainment. Theme for Annual Meeting is "Libraries Save Money" we should invite legislators.
 - B. Gay Galles spoke about Buffy Hamilton presentation for North Star Consortium. Negotiations with Follett resulted in reduce pricing for new libraries joining the Consortium in March.
 - C. Spotlight on Books: Brochures were passed out to Governing Board members. Will be exciting workshop! Planning, promoting, and presentation are going full bore in the NLLN office.
 - D. Many scholarships awarded, although lower than previous years. PLA is coming up (will be in Oregon). Ruth has offered that NLLN will coordinate virtual participation for four regional library networks. Currently interest is underwhelming.
 - E. NLLN FY2009 Report of Results was submitted and approved by State Library Services. Feedback provided several suggestions for how we (NLLN) might do our work.
6. New Business:
 - A. White Earth/Leech Lake Early Childhood programs: Renewed interest from White Earth in getting some assistance in developing their Readmobile program and services to FFN providers; Ruth provided brief history of the situation.

Hennepin County libraries have discontinued operation of their Readmobile program. Planning is underway for a long-term loan of Readmobiles to White Earth and Leech Lake reservations. The reservations will provide service to child care centers and other care providers. NLLN will provide training on early literacy, help develop their collection, and train for Destiny system. Walt shared some of the challenges of operating mobile collections and further discussion of NLLN involvement ensued.

- B. Library Legislative Day/ Legislative Platform/Advocacy: Ruth plans to attend Library Legislative Day; grim financial situation for many institutions, including libraries.
- C. Funding issues: Lina reported on successful fund raiser in Perham. Walt reported on situation in Fergus Falls. Ruth thinks economic situation is an opportunity to rethink libraries.
- D. MN Library Futures Initiative proposal: The Minnesota Multicounty, Multitype Directors have begun work to propose a means for MN libraries to take charge of the future of libraries; small statewide group will be established from across the state to re- envision/plan for the future of libraries in Minnesota. Participation in initiative may be competitive and involve all types of libraries; fast track to recommendation to legislators, libraries, communities, etc.
- E. New newsletters: Announcement of several new electronic newsletters from different offices. Ruth shared newspaper article about Joan Larson.
- F. Other: Paul addressed director's evaluation; committee established – Gay and Stan (chair) will conduct evaluation. The results to be presented at May meeting of Executive Meeting.
“Big Read” in Fergus Falls may be expanded; Louise Erdrich is author (featured) for program.
Lina shared information about new exhibit.

7. Adjournment: 11:50AM

Erika Rux, Secretary