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Northern Lights Library Network
Governing Board Meeting
August 16, 2014, 10 a.m.
NLLN Office, Suite 104 Townsite Center, Moorhead, Minnesota

Present: President, Wayne Ingersoll; Vice President, Richard Anderson; Secretary, Charlie Lindberg; Board Members: Terry Darco, Adell Bridgeford, Jenna Kahly, Carol Sibley, Ruth Holmgren, Tammy Thomasson-Ehrhart; Glen Heineke;

Also present: Executive Director, Kathy Enger

Absent: Treasurer, Betsy Vinz; Fred Rogers; Linda Belar

1. Call to Order 10:04

2. Approve agenda

Motion to approve the agenda with the addition to old business to discuss the benefits of belonging to NLLN.

Motion to approve the agenda: Richard, Ruth MCU.

3. Approve minutes from June 10, 2014 meeting

Motion to approve the minutes: Ruth, Richard MCU.

4. Financial reports

The audit is in process. Kathy reported that the goal of having the budget expenditures reflect the mission is being met. A few initiatives this year are Train-the-Trainers, a grant to the Northwest Regional Library (NWRL) and to the Lake Agassiz Regional Library (LARL) for young adult eBooks, and the Library Luncheon for Legislators.

Motion to approve the financial reports: Adell, Jenna MCU.

5. State Grant payments for Fiscal Year 2015

- September 15, 2014: 1/3 of 90%
- October 15, 2014: 1/3 of 90%
- February 15, 2015: 1/3 of 90%
- July 30, 2015: 10%

6. Budget

There is a request to add line 5131 for \$3,000 to the FY2015 budget to pay for new computers to replace the old desktop models, update laptops, pay for a service contract.

Motion to add the new budget item to the FY2015 budget and to give discretion to director to increase this amount if the updates are somewhat more expensive: Tammy, Ruth, MCU.

7. Election of Officers

Motion to nominate Wayne Ingersoll for president: Richard, Ruth.

Motion to close nominations and vote unanimously for nominee: Richard, Jenna, MCU.

Motion to nominate Richard Anderson for vice president: Ruth, Carol.

Motion to close nominations and vote unanimously for nominee: Ruth, Jenna MCU.

Motion to nominate Charlie Lindberg for secretary: Richard, Jenna.

Motion to close nominations and vote unanimously for nominee: Jenna, Richard MCU.

Motion to nominate Betsy Vinz for treasurer: Ruth, Carol.

Motion to close nominations and vote unanimously for nominee: Ruth, Carol MCU.

8. Old Business

a. **Summer internships**

Summer intern Katelyn Ostby - built ELM into web site for Heart of Lake Elementary School; edited, organized, and assembled NLLN Directory of Historical and Cultural Organizations and Museums in the NLLN area and also placed this information on a web site; maintained and updated NLLN social media.

Summer intern Kimberley Henze: distributed a collection of Norwegian culture and language books donated to NLLN; created an inventory database of regional art and artists in the NLLN area and created a web site to make this information public; assembled an Ojibwe bibliography that could function as a resource for building the Maamagin Achigaade “Gathering Place” Library on the White Earth Indian Reservation.

b. **Educational Support Update:** Tammy and Jenna

The goal of getting the word out to potential scholarship beneficiaries was successful. The budget of \$22,000 was completely expended on fifty-three scholarships, with one denied at the end of the summer because of lack of fund.

c. **Maamagin Achigaade Update:**Terri Darco

Terri expects to have 17-20 little free libraries built by the time of the Little Free Library Builder Potluck Picnic on Wednesday, August 27. Sponsors will swap out books and maintain the little libraries.

d. **Poets Across Minnesota Update**

NLLN has sponsored a poet to visit three school libraries, a public performance of poetry and jazz for the public in Detroit Lakes as part of the NLLN Annual Meeting, and “Beads on a String” at four Bemidji schools.

e. **Train-the-Trainers Update:** Charlie Lindberg and Adell Bridgeford

Five members of this group presented at the eLearning Summit on July 30, 2014.

f. **LARL and NWRL eBook Initiative Update**

The \$5,000 granted to NWRL and \$5,000 to LARL for young adult eBooks is showing an increase in use of eBooks.

g. **MSUM Library Furniture Donation**

The furniture is being stored in the basement of Townsite for use in the future on the White Earth Reservation.

h. Benefits of Belonging to NLLN

1. Overall vision for all libraries in the region - school libraries, public libraries, special libraries, academic libraries.
2. The resources to undertake initiatives that other entities cannot, e.g. Destiny.
3. A commitment to foster collaboration and collegiality among all libraries in the region.
4. Many more as noted in Strategic Work Plan Director's Report

9. New Business

a. Media specialist Research Update: Glenn Heinke.

Glen and Kathy are researching the benefits students derive from having a media specialist in their school library. They plan to present their findings at the fall ITEM workshop and potentially to principal groups.

b. Thank you from Carol Sibley.

c. Book tour with Lin Enger

Lin Enger will be on tour with his new book, *The High Divide*: September 24, 25, 26, 29 (St. Paul & Iowa City); October 6-10 (Denver); October 16 (U of M Bookstore); October 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 (Coral Gables, Florida).

d. Conferences and Workshops

ITEM and MLA fall conferences: "The Skills Media Specialists Impart to Students" research presentation (Glenn Heinke), "23 Things You Don't Know About Minnesota's Multitype Library Systems" presentation; Upper Midwest Digital Collections Conference attendance; AASLH Conference presentation; Warren Alverado schools picked-up the library tables donated from MSUM, Red Lake Middle School picked-up the study carrels donated from MSUM.

e. Report of Results Submission

Motion submit the NLLN Report of Results: Richard, Ruth MCU.

f. Legislative Forum from July 8, 2014.