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Northern Lights Library Network
Governing Board Meeting, December 13, 2014
Room 203
Comstock Memorial Union
Minnesota State University Moorhead

Present: Wayne Ingersoll, President; Betsy Vinz, Treasurer; Charlie Lindberg, Secretary; Ruth Holmgren, Carol Sibley, Jenna Kahly, Tammy Thomasson-Ehrhart, Adell Bridgeford, Terri Darco, Glenn Heineke, Richard Anderson, Fred Rogers

Also present: Kathy Enger, Executive Director; Liz Lynch, Lake Agassiz Regional Library Director; Kristi Hanson, Northwest Regional Library Director; Jordan Schroeer, NLLN Intern

1. **Call to Order:** 10:20
2. **Approve Agenda, Minutes:** Ruth, Betsy MCU
3. **Approve Financial Report:** MCU, Credit card expenses initialed by all board members.
4. **Read Core Values:** These statements derived from surveys completed by members.
5. **Old Business - Director's Report**
 - a. **Travel and Meetings:** Kathy reported she will be concentrating on her five research projects over the winter and will travel less. Kathy is on the Kay Sexton award committee and will be traveling to St. Paul twice in January to attend the award committee meeting and the multi-type quarterly meeting.
 - b. **Library Luncheon for Legislators:** Three legislators have confirmed that they will attend the luncheon on February 21, 2015, 11:30-1, in Room 101 at MSUM Comstock Memorial Union. There are many issues in school libraries: Research has shown that college students do not have the skills taught by library media specialists. Ruth Holmgren reported that to save money, a school in her region got rid of the entire library. Students have to use the public library, placing a real burden on the staff there.
 - c. **Report on NLLN Social Media:** Jordan Schroeer, NLLN Intern, reported that more people are following the Facebook page. At the present time, its purpose is to provide information to media professionals. Jordan and Kathy are preparing a press release to publicize the Electronic Library for Minnesota (ELM) and market it to the public. NLLN also has Twitter and Instagram accounts. Jordan works 9 hrs./week and will continue through the next semester.
 - d. **Professional Development Scholarships:** The number of applications is down this year, especially for MLA. Spotlight on Books will be the next major opportunity. Broadsides sales go into scholarship fund.

- e. **Maamagin Achigaade:** White Earth now has a building, which will include a children's play spot and the library. Shelves and books will be going in, as will the furniture donated by MSUM. NLLN donated an iPad to the White Earth Christmas Gift Drive to be used as a prize in the drawing. Gifts may be sent to the White Earth Child Care Center, PO Box 418, White Earth, MN 56591.
- f. **Beads on One String:** NLLN sponsored this program at four Bemidji schools from December 2-5.
- g. **Train the Trainers:** More trainers have joined and several trainees have requested training. A training was held for eight trainers at the Park Rapids High School on November 8th. The next training is scheduled for February 7 at the Century Middle School in Park Rapids and will be supported by NLLN's trainers and open to all librarians from the region.
- h. **eBook Access:** Due to the \$5000 granted to the NWRL and LARL, more young adult eBooks are available to students. In order to enhance this program, school librarians are being encouraged to help elementary and middle school students get public library cards.
- i. **Public Relations for Libraries:** NLLN provided \$200 for local MPR broadcast support of *A Prairie Home Companion*.

6. New business

- a. **Catalog Migration:** NWRL and LARL request \$25,000 for hardware and accessories needed to migrate to a new, open-source catalog system called Evergreen. This change will save the two systems over \$100,000 over the next five years.
Approval of granting \$25,000 from reserves to NWRL and LARL for hardware and accessories for migration to Evergreen: Richard, Adell MCU

7. Meeting Adjourned