

## **Northlands Storytelling Network Official Board Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, April 22, 2004

Edgewater Hotel

Madison, Wisconsin

The official meeting of the Northlands Board of Directors was called to order by President-Elect Margie Reitsma on Thursday, April 22nd, at 4:30 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the January meeting were reviewed in advance of the meeting.

Motion by Tina Rohde to accept the minutes. Seconded by Mike Mann.

All in favor: 11

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Treasurer's Report: Tabled until Sunday meeting.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Conference Committee:

Bookstore & Registration: Plan is to set them both up in the Holiday Room. Discussion followed about moving Registration to Lobby instead. Bookstore is scheduled to open at 4:00 p.m. on Friday. Lots of Northlands wear is for sale! Karen talked briefly about the types of items for sale in the bookstore this year. It was suggested that a committee discuss bookstore for next year.

Thursday night concert: Tree lights need to be set up. Greg Weiss was asked to set up the lights. Gene Gryniewicz designed the concert program, and Greg Weiss brought it to Madison. Karen Wendt will be the emcee.

Graze & Greet: Karen Wollscheid arranged for \$150.00 in food (cookies, juice and soda). Food will be set up in Lobby outside the Atlantic Room.

Thursday Swap: Will take place in the Rigadoon Room.

Raffle: Tickets will be on sale at Bookstore & Registration until 5:30 p.m. on Saturday. Jim & Karen Decker will pick the winners during dinner.

Sunday Concert: The financial agreement is a 3-way split.

In the Spirit: Mama Edie had a death in the family, and will be unable to attend. Three of the other members of her group depended on her for rides, and will also be unable to attend.

Evaluations: Karen redid the evaluation forms, modeling them after the ones used at Sharing the Fire. The new forms have a portion to be cut off and give to the presenters, rather than having to photocopy each form.

Recipe Cards: Blank cards will be available for conference attendees who want to comment on any "missing ingredients" for this year.

State Gatherings: Out-States need a discussion leader. Leanne Johnson will ask Karen Chace to fill in.

Attendance: Karen Wollscheid commented out that her job description includes "raising attendance." She pointed out that this is really a board responsibility. A brief discussion followed, with some brainstorming of

ways to increase attendance by personally inviting new folks & long-time members to attend. Discussion will be revisited.

Motion by Judy Sima to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Kevin Strauss.

All in favor: 11

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Leanne Johnson, Secretary

## **Northlands Board Meeting**

April 25, 2004

Meeting called to order:

Treasurer's report: Yvonne passes the Treasurer's Hat on to Tina.

Raffle- 806 tickets sold, raising about \$600-800. Final figures will be available, once the money is counted. Some were "Five for" sales.

No expenses for Youth Voices this year, so we're money ahead.

The question was raised to discuss **compensation for calls for proposals and workshops**. Yvonne moved, Colleen seconded to discuss rates.

Don shared current compensation rate schedule as follows:

90 minutes- \$50

3 hours- \$125

6 hours- \$250

Don proposes increasing 90 minute compensation rate to \$65 to—

- 1) bring it more in line with other compensation rates
- 2) make it more attractive to submit 90 minute workshops

Discussion followed.

Greg moved to establish the compensation schedule to be 90 minutes= \$50, 3 hour= \$100, 6 hour=\$200. Steve seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

## **Loans and Grant requests**

1. Healing Story Alliance-requested \$1000 by January, **if** we had enough income from conference. Will need to look at accounts.
2. "What About The Children?" submitted by Mame Edie Armstrong program to help refugee children tell their stories

