

Northlands Storytelling Network—Board Meeting, September 9, 2005

Present: Kevin Strauss, Hardy Garrison, Don Falkos, Mary Schmidt, Colleen Shaskin, Gwyn Calvetti, Greg Weiss, Steve Marriot, Yvonne Healey, Judy Sima, Karen Wollscheid

Meeting called to order at 7:30 by Kevin Strauss

Secretary's report—Greg moved to accept minutes of April board meeting as written, Colleen seconds. Minutes accepted by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's report—Karen Wollscheid, Business manager, Tina Rohde, Treasurer Discussion regarding changes in space rental costs, attendance at conference, and membership increases.

Yvonne Healey asks about savings. Karen says we have a CD of \$5126.34 and an endowment fund of \$201.31 and checking account currently is at \$7997. Kevin asks if Karen could look at number of presenters and payments to them to see what the impact of changes might be. This will be available in November. Judy moves to accept the report. Hardy seconds. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Budget and Finance-- Karen proposed allowing our non-profit status to serve as umbrella for fundraising efforts for Katrina. Don points out that since this is not a financial commitment, and offers something other than what is offered by National, it would be a good choice for our response as an organization. (501.3 status) Yvonne moves, Greg seconds. Motion is passed.

Long Range Planning A review of our goals generated at the last meeting was led by Yvonne. Discussion was point by point for each of the listed goals. Kevin suggests we table further discussion for the November meeting.

ByLaws: Steve has not done much so far.

Policy Manual: Same story, second verse. Karen says it hasn't been touched since January 13.

Membership: State Rep Marilyn Kinsella has an awesome, incredible update, which we should all be copying. Greg suggests a joint newsletter, with each state adding a section unique to their state. Discussion led to idea that on the Northlands webpage, separate state buttons also will have a button to click through to receive state newsletter Hardy and state reps will work this out.

Discussion regarding ways to increase membership generated several ideas to consider. Kevin asks that the committee report back on this in November
Membership helping with concert selection. VP (Greg) will now take on this job.

Marketing Committee Don, Hardy, Mary
Hardy will work on promotion. Discussion focused on promotion of Storyfest in the timely fashion.

Duck Support Performance review at November meeting.

Nomination Committee Email Jen if you know of people who would make good board members.

Youth Voices Judy suggests that this needs to include 20-somethings as well, to avoid "just kids." Hardy suggests setting up a youth voices listserv. Judy offers to take the lead on this committee.

Kevin points out that most of the committees don't have a chair, and suggests that each committee choose a chair to keep things moving.

Conference committee, Jen, Kevin, Greg, Hardy, Yvonne, Mary, Karen

*New concert guidelines, used last year. Further discussion tabled on this to November. Proposal guideline review was discussed, and will be refined further prior to sending out the call for next conference.

*CEUs for conference. Greg shared an offer from Jane Stenson to extend grad credits through National Louis University, with Jane acting as professor of note. Significant discussion about this offer ensued.

Greg moves to pilot this program with Jane as professor of record, recognizing that she is accepting no money, she be paid at the top presenter's rate.
Steve seconds.

Discussion. Colleen points out that Jane may be paid to do nothing, if no one takes us up on it. Then she asks if there are a herd of people, is she being compensated fairly?
Steve points out that we're "experimenting." Motion carries, with one nay.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm

Saturday, September 10

Meeting called to order at 9:10am by Kevin Strauss

Conference workshop planning

Workshop review: Working with the spreadsheets that came from the workshop review scores.

6 Hour Intensives

Mapping the territory—Loren Niemi

3 Hour Intensives

Up Close and Personal—Meg Gilman

Storytelling? Yes You Can!—Judy Sima

The Indian Storystick—Debra Morningstar

A Coaching Lottery—Don Falkos

Storytelling in the Classroom—Joe Jekot

90 Minute Workshops

Magic Bean Marketing--Steveanna Roose

On A Shoestring--Patricia Hruby-Powell

Now I Have to Teach WHAT?—Lainie Levin

Stories From the Middle—Greg Weiss

Old Tales for a New Millennium—Foxy Ladies from Fox Valley
Hero Quest—Lorna Czarnota
Clap It, Tap It, Sing It—Karen Czarnik
What Was Civil About That War?—Megan Hicks
Storytelling Goes To School—Anne Shimojima
Growing Up in El Salvador—Jim Winship
STEP Into Storytelling—Heather Bacus
Let's Get Physical—Mike Speller
Improv and Storytelling—Bob Kann
Creative Storytelling Techniques-David Chobar
Teachers and Tellers Together—Jane Stenson
Folklore for Storytellers—Elizabeth Matson
Making and Bringing Puppets Alive—Fred Bercthold
*Imagination Inspiration—Michelle Hohfeldt and Daniell Todd (Youth Lab) with board members volunteering to moderate the session (with various conditions, to be addressed as mentioned below)

Healing Touch of Story—Majkrzak---backup workshop

‡Youth Voices committee will look further at various ideas for youth involvement in conference. Many ideas presented. Main concerns are appropriate supervision, along with any possible legal ramifications.
Youth Voices Committee needs to look into legal advice before accepting the kids workshop and this concept.

Motion to have George Hennefent consult with us regarding legal best interests of youth participation and Northlands and coverage in case of any incidents resulting from attendance of minors at conference.

Yvonne seconds.

Motion carries. Colleen offers to talk with George and get his legal input.

November meeting—November 4-5, 2005 location in Michigan, TBA
January meeting—January 13-15, 2006 LeClair Iowa

Remainder of meeting spent reviewing the many ideas generated after 2005 conference for improvement, and considering possible conference themes, spurred on by Jennifer Strauss's Dreamcatcher gifts and her thoughts "in absentia."

Theme possibilities

Connecting Hopes With Dreams...One Story at a Time
Connecting Hopes To Dreams...One Story at a Time
Connecting Dreams One Story at a Time

Meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gwyn Calvetti, Secretary