

January Board Meeting, January 13, 2006—LeClaire Iowa

Present: Kevin Strauss, Gwyn Calvetti, Steve Marriot, Mary Schmidt, Jenifer Strauss, Greg Weiss, Tina Rohde, Colleen Shaskin, Hardy Garrison, Karen Wollscheid, Don Falkos

Meeting was called to order at 7:53pm by President Jen Strauss.

Secretary's report: Minutes submitted by Yvonne Healy.
Mary Schmidt moves to approve the minutes from November meeting as submitted.
Tina Rohde seconds.
Minutes passed by acclamation.

Treasurer's report: Submitted by Tina Rohde and Karen Wollscheid.
Hardy Garrison moves that the treasurer's report is accepted.
Steve Marriot seconds.

Discussion:

Colleen affirms the fact that we do have assets and this reflects well. Note was made that \$1000 donations have been brought in since July for the Katrina relief tour.

Treasurer's report accepted by acclamation.

Committee Reports

Nominating committee: Call for nominations will be done Monday via email for Minnesota, Michigan and Out-States. Proposed slate will be accepted pending results of call.

Conference committee *Youth Lab Workshop*

Much discussion, both prior to the actual meeting via email, as well as during the meeting, regarding legalities and liabilities of youth (under 18) involvement in our conference. Major point of concern related to supervision of those attendees and any legality should there ever be issues related to attendance at the conference.

The main issue at hand involved acceptance of a workshop proposal by two young women. As a board, the concern related to issues of liability and safety. The proposal, as accepted by the Board, was to promote this workshop as a means to involve young tellers.

Colleen Shaskin points out that originally, they'd intended this as a workshop for the general membership. As a board, we modified it to create a youth appeal.

Jen Strauss moves that we accept the workshop as accepted at the planning meeting as a general workshop, rather than as the modified youth lab the board crafted.
Steve Marriot seconds

Kevin Strauss calls the question.
Only one abstention. All others aye.

A line will be added to our registration form that reads:

“All persons under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or appointed guardian. Northlands does not provide supervision for minors at the conference.”

Concert report.

Greg Weiss shares his reports.

Karen Chace, Janice Del Negro and Mary Schmidt will be emcees.

Five member reviewers. Three Board members. Emcees are also on the committee.

Eleven members in all.

Emcee for 5-5-5 Concert—Gwyn Calvetti

State reps help recruit the teller from their state.

Recording the concert for an archival purpose this year. Greg has the recording equipment to bring and try this out.

Announce at conference this year—contingent on recording quality-- that we would like to make recordings for promotional and sales purposes in future years. This will require different wording in the call for stories.

Other small details and concerns were discussed, with no votes needed at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 9:58pm.

January 14, 2006

Meeting called to order at 9:14am by Jenifer Strauss

Logo/conference theme- “Join the Circle”

Many, many details of planning and logistics discussed. No votes needed at this time.

Long Range Planning.

By-laws

Steve Marriott presented approved by-laws. Board will review and submit any concerns/changes.

Policy manual

The following policies were presented and discussed.

Duty of loyalty

Compensation for board members-

Board participation by electronic means-

Equal opportunity-

All policies will be submitted as clean versions for Board vote by April meeting.

Other policies to be written and approved over future meetings.

*Safety

*Minors

*Board communication with membership

Steve will do safety and minors. Jen will do communication.

Fiscal agency progress report

Karen shared information gathered from other agencies serving as fiscal agents, as well as details from our fiscal agency agreement with Reid Miller for his Katrina Relief Tour. Discussion regarding pros, cons and refinements.

Goal is to have this refined so that it can be announced during State of Northlands in April.

Grant money reports

*Discussion regarding refinement of grant guidelines as currently written. Need to clarify the various “what-ifs” i.e. events that are cancelled. Language to be added to our grant guidelines.

“In the event of cancellation, the money granted by Northlands shall be repaid unless already expended for designated purpose as evidenced by receipts and any available documentation.”

*Steveanna Roose- Grant consultant information. Discussion regarding our goals as an organization and benefits to us to retain grant-writing services.

Further discussion led to realization that a fund-raising committee should be formed to explore the concept further.

Karen will contact Ms. Roose and keep her apprised if our needs change.

Other discussions

Liability insurance for Northlands

The benefits/drawbacks to developing a definition of storytelling

Membership reports, recruitment activities

Meeting adjourned at 3pm. Board departed later to do evening concert at the Putnam Museum in Davenport.

January 15, 2006

Marketing committee met and did a lot of creative thinking. Some cool opportunities present themselves in a timely manner—Children’s Expo trade-off for advertising.

Full board met for final discussion/assignments.

Meeting adjourned 10:15am