

**Northlands Storytelling Network - Board of Directors Meeting  
April 23-26, 2009 - Green Lake Conference Center**

Board Meeting April 23, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 PM.

Meeting held at Green Lake Conference Center prior to the annual Northland's Storytelling Conference.

Introductions were made.

In attendance: Marilyn Kinsella, Gwyn Calvetti, Mike King, Maureen Korte, Greg Weiss, Bev Heinz, Katie Kutson, Ben Rosenfield, Jean Bolley, Marcia Gutierrez, Karen Wollscheid

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and one correction was made:

"the break even point for the conference was 190, not 50."

Greg moved that the correction be accepted. It was seconded by Ben Rosenfield and all were in favor.

The board reviewed grant applications. Marilyn Kinsella's grant was the first to be reviewed. It was moved by Kate and seconded by Bev Heintz that we give Marilyn the full amount of her request. All were in favor.

Suzy Garfield's request was reviewed. It was moved by Greg W. and seconded by Katie that we give Suzy \$500.00. All were in favor.

Discussion about conference:

- Andrea, Karen's daughter will be running the book store. She needs to be gone for a while so Greg will take her place.
- The book store will open at 3:00 PM on Friday.
- Room signs have been done by Karen.
- Karen may need help setting up white boards and flip charts for workshops.
- Host bags are still in Katie's car.
- The DelNegro workshop is on the second floor. The coffee pot is near there and that might be a concern.
- At the annual meeting and reception Gwynne will thank Kevin and Marilyn. She will ask to have the current board stand. The new board members will then be welcomed. There will be a question, answer and concerns part of the annual meeting where people can ask questions and state concerns. The board will all be asked to assist in answering and fielding suggestions.
- The gavel will be handed over before the Q and A. Judy Sima will also speak at the annual meeting. She will give the national report.
- Karen has ordered cheese and crackers for the annual meeting.
- There are no hosts yet for the story circles and some rooms are available for these circles.
- Thursday and Friday there are no hosts as of now.
- Sunday at 7:30 there will be a board meeting at breakfast.

Gwyn adjourned the meeting at 5:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Maureen Korte

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Annual Membership Meeting, Saturday, April 25

Meeting was called to order by new President Marilyn Kinsella at approximately 4:30 PM  
The membership of Northlands was present.

Judy Sima, representative to the National Storytelling Network Board

- Announced that Yvonne Healy had received the Oracle Award for Service for the Midwest Region.
- Gave the national report and said that the National Storytelling Network is financially stable. Because there will be no national conference this year they will be giving money to one project(s) in each of the seven districts or regions.
- The National Storytelling Conference will be held in Los Angeles, July 29-August 1, 2010.
- The National website, [www.storynet.org](http://www.storynet.org), has been completely redesigned thanks to efforts of Karen Wollscheid who donated her time and expertise.

The meeting was open for questions to the board:

- It was requested that we publish a financial account for Northlands members.
- Thanks was given about the site and it was praised.
- It was announced that we have a Google group list for communications between members.
- It was announced that the drum circle for the evening would be canceled.
- People were encouraged to purchase raffle tickets for scholarship funds. 25% of all profit in the shop goes to Northlands.
- People from surrounding states asked how their state can become part of Northlands. Iowa adopted Miss. and other states west of the Miss. for e-mails.

The raffle winners were announced and all prizes were given out.

The meeting was adjourned at approx. 5:00 PM.

Submitted by Secretary Maureen Korte

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Sunday Morning, Called to order at 7:45 a.m.

In attendance: Marilyn Kinsella, Ben Rosenfield, Marcia Guteirrez, Maureen Korte, Greg Weiss, Mike King, Jean Bolley, Katie Knutzon, Bev Heintz, Gwyn Calvetti, Karen Wollscheid, Mark Steidl

**Conference Review – What Worked**

- Food allergies well taken care of
- Quality of workshops – positive, wonderful comments
- Great to have more quality things to do than can get to
- Positive comments about location
- Fringes and slam well attended, well received
- Simple, elegant stage setting – beautiful without distracting
- Coaching – Janice liked allowing other people to watch, observe, learn
- House concert workshop – audience had questions she was able to answer
- Resource room great, flexibility, arrangement
- \$485 on raffle – hurray for Janice
- Presenters fee most welcome
- Can get refrigerator in room for medical needs
- Wi-Fi access in Kern
- Acknowledged participants and economic situation
- New Voices – having energy, felt their presence more
- Open mindedness and flexibility of everyone
- Socializing in lounge really nice
- People singing in third floor lounge
- Post-its and white board right by elevator
- Slam gives people last minute opportunity to get on stage
- Opening – favorable comments, but need more time

**Conference Review – What Needs Tweaked**

- Add a massage therapist
- At the annual meeting, provide handouts of financial summary, annual report
- Meeting refreshments – cheese tray very small – check bill from Green Lake
- Check with Green Lake – • Campsites opened (dependent on weather) • Cancellation policy (30 days) • Meals not purchased with room charged more?
- Workshop proposals – preferred time to present
- People felt too secluded in Green Lake
- Need door stops
- Squeaky front doors
- Get permanent water bottles with Northlands logo
- Some people uncomfortable with Slam – judging
- Have Slam and 5-5-5 in different rooms? Or more of a break between?
- Swaps not well attended
- More coaching workshops
- Can we move early bird discount to week before?

Adjourned at 8:30am, Minutes by Jean Bolley