

MNA Meeting
30 November 2007
At Wolf Ridge ELC; Finland, MN

In attendance: Mick Garrett, Dianne Rowse, Jamie McBride, Gordon Dietzman, Teresa Root,
Katie Hoeschen, Mara Koenig, April Rust, Rob Blair Krista Prokosch,
Absent: JoAnne Peters, Sue Dahl, Kirk Mona

The meeting was started at 12:45 p.m.

New and returning members introduced themselves.

The bulk of the meeting covered what board members would need to do for the conference. Jamie reviewed the agenda of events and explained what still needed to be done. He reminded the group to be sure to thank Wolf Ridge staff and conference committee.

Committee Reports:

Secretary: The by-law changes were approved.

Treasurer: Sue was not here, but had e-mailed her report to board members.

Newsletter: Neither editor was in attendance.

Scholarship: Dianne explained that six scholarships were awarded, but one person cancelled the day before the conference. Scholarship monies were also given to the Wolf Ridge staff so we went over the allotted amount of \$500. Rob suggested adding line on the registration form where people could donate money specifically for scholarships.

Stewardship Fund: April received one application in November from someone requesting \$300 to attend a conservation education conference in West Virginia on "effective program design." Her request would be for only a portion of the total cost of the conference. The board agreed that the request does meet the mission. A motion was made to offer her \$500 since it is the end of the fiscal year and there have been no other requests. Rob moved to approve the motion; Mara seconded the motion. The board voted to approve the motion.

New Business:

JoAnne presented her resignation during the election. A question was raised on what to do about a second newsletter editor. Two of the candidates for member-at-large (Valerie and Heidi) were interested, but were concerned about the time involved. Gordon suggested combining management of the Web site with the newsletter since are both communication. If they are interested in doing the part of the job involving getting articles and proofing/editing, Gordon would be willing to help with layout. Mick will discuss with Valerie and Heidi what they like to do.

Mick passed out board member binders to new members.

Metro Training: The January Metro Training was to be hosted by the Bell Museum, but they needed to pull out. Katie asked if it would be okay to change the 2008 topics. The board felt this would be fine.

Next meeting: Jamie will pick a date in January. He would like to make this meeting longer as it is the first time with new board. Let Jamie know if you have agenda ideas.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:48 p.m. Mara moved to approve the motion which was seconded by Rob. The board approved the motion.