

Northwest Regional Library Minutes
January 17, 2019

Present: Laura Brickson, Connie Moe, Gracia Nelson, Marjorie LaCoursiere, Ralph Swendseid, Deland Swanson, Samantha Winger, Darryl Tveitbakk, and Jerald Brown

Others present: NWRL Director Kristi Hanson and Mary Cullen

Hanson reported the new officers for 2019 are:

Chair: Laura Brickson
Vice-Chair: Connie Moe
Secretary: Gracia Nelson
Treasurer: Marjorie LaCoursiere

Brown advised that Mary Cullen is the new City of Thief River Falls Rep. Hanson stated that NWRLB has not been notified of this change.

Public Comments: Cullen questioned the term of board members. Hanson replied that the terms were for three years and ran January 1 through December 31st.

Call to Order: President Brickson called the meeting to order.

Approval of the Agenda: Tveitbakk/LaCoursiere moved to approve the agenda.
Carried.

Approval of December Minutes: LaCoursiere/Moe moved to approve the December 13, 2018 minutes. Carried.

Financial Report: Nelson/Tveitbakk moved to approve the financial reports. Carried.

EFT payments check numbers 529 to 536 for a total of \$7,659.88
Check payments numbered 8872 to 8918 for a total of \$36,931.97

Reports:

- A. **Directors Report:** Hanson reported of her accomplishments as director for the past six years. She stated that the library region is in better shape now than when she started. Some library buildings have been remodeled/updated, the libraries have very good staff, and she is in the process of getting things ready for the new director.
- B. **Circulation:** The December circulation is down, as is elsewhere in the state.

Old Business:

- A. Garden Valley contract:** After the fourth request for increase in cost and being told that they cannot fulfil items in the initial contract, the contract with Garden Valley was torn up. Hanson advised that there would be no cost savings if we were to continue with the contract.
- B. Strategic Plan Goals:** Nelson/Tveitbakk moved to accept the 2019-2023 Strategic Plan. Carried.

New Business:

- A. NWRL Director search and hiring committee:** Hanson stated that she has received three applicants for the position. Tveitbakk, LaCoursiere and Brickson agreed to be on the hiring committee. Interviews will be the first week in February.
- B. 2019 Audit:** The Audit has been scheduled for April 2, 3, and 4th.
- C. Adult winter reading program is Book Blizzard**

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 21, 2019