

NWFA Executive Board Meeting  
Tues., June 21, 2016; 2:30 p.m.  
NWFA Gallery, 210 River St., Cook, MN

President Shawna Kishel called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. with full board present: S. Kishel, Lauren Nelson VP, Lisa Hyppa Treas. and Judith Ulseth Secretary. **Expanding the board of directors** as planned during strategic planning with Patty Mester was discussed. The NWFA bylaws include options to expand the number of board members with board action only. A change to the bylaws is not required. The Board agreed unanimously to increase the board of directors by three (3) members to provide more fluid governing for NWFA. Decisions must be made quickly sometimes by volunteers who are not readily available for meetings at all times. A one third majority is always required for board action according to the bylaws. Judith U. and Lisa H. are slated to run for reelection in 2016 (even number year).

It was decided two of those new members must be NWFA experienced committee leaders. One individual will be asked to be on the board based on her media and computer experience. Board position was not discussed with these candidates before the meeting. Lisa Hyppa made the motion to expand the NWFA board of directors from 4 to 7 members and to ask adult education manager Alberta Whitenack and Gallery Mrg. Lisa Simensen to hold positions on the board as co-Gallery Managers. Wendy Frost will be asked to be on the board as an "at large" member. Seconded by Lauren Nelson, the motion carried unanimously.

**Change of date of Annual NWFA Meeting** was discussed due to financial reports being organized from Jan. thru Dec. During creation of NWFA the filed federal papers state fiscal year is Jan. 1 to Dec. 31. Other official papers filed, named dates which meant the annual meeting was to be held in June. To better serve NWFA the board has decided to change the month of the annual meeting to the third week in January.

**Summer Youth Program** lead by L. Hyppa and Lynn Reed was discussed at length noting goals met and surpassed. In 2015 there were 10 classes and this year there are 20 classes and 36 new students. Generous donations were received. Lisa wrote a grant requesting \$2100 from Lake Country Power to fund a bus trip for children to see the theater performance of "*Pinocchio*" in Minneapolis. LCP graciously awarded NWFA \$1500, which is not enough to fund the bus trip. The board discussed the income and expenses and still came up short on funds. This adventure will provide children with a 40 passenger bus, including 5 chaperones, and tickets costing \$10 per person. The only cost for the parents will be the sack lunch they provide. Shawna K. made a motion to completely fund the trip planning for a 40 passenger bus and the tickets for the August 3rd children's trip for "*Pinocchio*". The motion passed unanimously with a second from J.Ulseth.

At 3:55 p.m. Judith U. and L. Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. carried.

Respectfully submitted by, Judith Tuuri Ulseth, Secretary.