

## **Blueprint for Guiding Principles for the Consolidation Process of the Library Foundation of Hennepin County and The Friends of the Minneapolis Public Library**

### **Vision**

To be the one united, strong support entity for the Hennepin County Library system by combining and leveraging the strengths and talents of the Library Foundation of Hennepin County and The Friends of the Minneapolis Public Library.

### **Service to Libraries**

Contribute to the success of Hennepin County Library's mission and vision by fostering and enriching programs and services that are not possible without funding that supplements tax dollars. Strengthen the potential of the continued success of libraries throughout Hennepin County by combining the strengths and talents of both groups.

### **Governance**

The name of the unified group will be inclusive and representative of the Vision.

A Board of Directors will be comprised of members representing the Library Foundation of Hennepin County and The Friends of the Minneapolis Public Library and new members.

Membership structure should be determined by the new Board by December 31, 2008 and accomplish the Vision and Service principles outlined above.

Individual Friends of the Library groups will continue with further exploration of a Friends alliance that may also provide representation and alignment with the larger unified support group.

**Financial support** to be determined by the consolidated Board by December 31, 2008.

**Assets and liabilities** to be determined by the consolidated Board by December 31, 2008.

**Employees** to be determined by the consolidated Board by December 31, 2008.

### **Implementation**

The effective date of the consolidation of the Library Foundation of Hennepin County and The Friends of the Minneapolis Public Library will be on or before June 30, 2008 with implementation plans being reviewed by the Director and approved by the Hennepin County Library Board.