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**LARL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

A meeting of the Lake Agassiz Regional Library Executive Committee was held on Thursday, August 20, 2015 at the Moorhead Public Library. Vice President Perry called the meeting to order at 5:25 p.m.

Executive Committee Members Present: Bunes, Fox, Ingersoll, Perry

Executive Committee Members Absent: Bursik (*President*).

Others Present: Lynch, Sprynczynatyk, David Geray

PUBLIC INPUT: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(Ingersoll/Fox) Move to approve the Agenda of the August 20, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. MCU.

MINUTES OF THE MAY 21, 2015 EXECUTIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING.

(Fox/Ingersoll) Move to approve the May 21, 2015 Executive/Finance Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. MCU.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sprynczynatyk discussed, that through July, we are 58.33% of the way through the year and have spent 55.12% of the budget. Programming – Summer Reading is at 96.93% of budget as the program is coming to an end for 2015.

Signatory requests for 2016 were sent out in June. At this time LARL hasn't heard back from any Signatories regarding funding.

Sprynczynatyk attended the Lakes Country Service Cooperative annual meeting. LARL 2016 health insurance rates will remain the same as 2015.

(Ingersoll/Fox) Move to authorize the Regional Library Director and Finance/HR Director to submit the Final Report and documentation of actual expenses for FY2015 Regional Telecommunications Aid. MCU.

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FINANCIAL REPORT – continued

(Fox/Ingersoll) Move to approve LARL's application to participate in the State Regional Public Library System Arts and Cultural Heritage Program for FY2016 and to set aside 10% of LARL's Legacy allocation for statewide projects. MCU.

Sprynczynatyk discussed that LARL will be receiving \$477,526.60 of RLBSS funding for FY2016. The anticipated amount in the preliminary budget was \$480,000.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Hawley Public Library has been receiving several generous donations in memory of former Hawley Branch Librarian, Bette Haring.

Lynch reported that Mahnommen First National Bank provided \$250 for new computers in Mahnommen. The Bank is also going to run the grant proposal in the Mahnommen paper with hopes that citizens will contribute additional funds.

The unveiling of the new statue at the Detroit Lakes Public Library will be September 10th at 10:45 am.

Union Negotiations will likely be scheduled to start in October. Wayne Ingersoll will be the Finance Committee representative and Evie Fox will be the Personnel Committee representative on the negotiating committee.

Lynch discussed the genre update. In response to customer requests across the region, LARL has added "Christian Fiction" stickers to materials, indicating the genre. This sticker is a directional aid; similar to the Mystery, Western, Graphic Novel, and Large Print stickers. A Moorhead customer has complained that the stickers violate the separation of church and state. However, "Christian Fiction" is an industry standard subject heading, as are the stickers. According to LARL's attorney, there is nothing unconstitutional about the stickers or subject heading. LARL's Executive Committee agrees with the attorney's statement and supports the use of the directional aid.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Lynch reported that Bursik has appointed Mari Dailey to the Northern Light Library Network board.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.