

The Mission of LARL is to link people and communities to resources and experiences for learning and enrichment.

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

A joint meeting of the Lake Agassiz Regional Library Executive Board and Finance Committee was held on Thursday, February 6, 2014 at the Moorhead Library.

Executive Committee Members Present: Bunes, Bursik, Fox, Ingersoll, Perry (*Chair*), Schoenborn, Vinz

Executive Committee Members Absent: None

Finance Committee Members Present: Bunes, Fox, Ingersoll, Johnson, Perry (*ex officio*), Winterfeldt, Vinz (*Chair*).

Finance Committee Members Absent: Geray.

Others Present: Lynch, Sprynczynatyk.

President Perry called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

There was no public input.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(Bursik/Winterfeldt) Move to approve the agenda of the February 6, 2014 Executive/Finance Committee Meeting as presented. MCU.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(Vinz/Fox) Move to approve the January 16, 2014 Executive/Finance Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. MCU.

LARL ACCEPTANCE OF SIGNATORY SUPPORT FROM OUTSIDE ENTITIES

Lynch discussed the need to have LARL be a strong organization. Deficit spending is not making LARL a strong organization. In 2004 LARL started a transition from 13 branches and 1 bookmobile to 23 locations. Financially the support has not increased to cover the cost of 23 locations. After reading the LARL agreement, the agreement seems to really just cover the 13 LARL branches.

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Clearwater County hasn't increased support to LARL since 2009. In 2013 the citizens of Gonvick made a deal with Clearwater to cover Clearwater's shortfall, so the whole LARL 2013 request was met. In 2014 Clearwater County is saying they paid us the same amount they paid in 2012, and are not considering the funding they received from Gonvick as part of their Signatory payments.

A few options were discussed regarding the shortfall in Clearwater County. The first option is to close the Gonvick LINK Site. A second option discussed was that Gonvick has told Lynch that they have an additional \$6,000 which they would contribute to cover part of the cost of the LINK for 2014. The possibility of LARL Gonvick contributing the money for 2014 with the understanding that the LINK would close at the end of 2014 was discussed. The Committee members were not in favor of the second option, as LARL tried to work with Clearwater County on a similar situation in 2013 and the County didn't follow through with their end.

Lynch will work with the Clearwater Library Foundation to let them know that if Clearwater County continues to not honor LARL's funding requests that future cuts will have to come to the Bagley Library even though they are just completing preparations on a new building.

The Committee discussed the need to have a policy of how LARL is going to handle Signatory shortfalls.

(Bursik/Schoenborn) Move to create a LARL policy that if a county doesn't meet LARL's funding request, cuts will be made for LINK sites before libraries in the county. MCU.

Since LARL's policy has been set the Gonvick LINK will be closing due to Clearwater County's 2014 shortfall. Discuss was had as to when to close the LINK Site.

(Buness/Schoenborn) Move if a LINK and/or branch is to be closed or hours reduced, the change will take place within 30 days. MCU.

Bursik suggested that all Signatories should be informed of LARL's new policy regarding shortfalls. Winterfeldt suggested the notification come from the Board President rather than the Director.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

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