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**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, April 16, 2015 at the Moorhead Public Library.

Executive Committee Members Present: Buness, Bursik (*President*), Fox, Ingersoll, Perry

Executive Committee Members Absent: None.

Finance Committee Members Present: Buness, Bursik (*ex officio*), Grimsley, Ingersoll (*Chair*), Perry.

Finance Committee Members Absent: Geray.

Others Present: Lynch, Sprynczynatyk, Steven Wurzer & Jim Syvertson - Morgan Stanley, and Dave Douglas – Frankly Templeton Investments.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 19, 2015 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.

(Perry/Ingersoll) Move to approve the February 19, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. MCU.

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 15, 2015 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING.

(Buness/Perry) Move to approve the January 15, 2015 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. MCU.

INVESTMENT REPORT

Steven Wurzer and James Syvertson discussed LARL's investment history and current investment strategy with Morgan Stanley. Dave Douglas from Franklyn Templeton discussed LARL's investments in Municipal Bonds.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Sprynczynatyk discussed, that through March, we are 25% of the way through the year and have spent 24.45% of the budget. The \$25,000 Northern Lights Library Network committed to support the LARL/NWRL automation migration has been received. The Accounting/Bank Fees line item is at 74.07% of budget due to the 2014 audit being paid in full.

(Ingersoll/Perry) Move to approve payment of the Directors and Officers Insurance Policy/Employment Practices Liability Insurance. MCU.

Sprynczynatyk discussed Preliminary Draft #1 of the 2016 LARL budget. The draft contains a 1% increase to signatories, resulting in \$23,800 of additional funding. Regional Library Telecom Aid (RTLTA) has been increased by \$8,500, with a corresponding increase in RLTA expense. Regional Basic System Support (RLBSS) has been decreased by \$11,380, this amount is an estimate and the actual funding amount from the State of MN will not be known until August. Union Negotiations will occur at the end of 2015 for 2016, so Salaries will not be known until later this year. Health Insurance has been estimated to have an 8% increase, the actual increase will not be known until August. The Automation System line item has been decreased by \$32,749 due to the LARL/NWRL migration to a new automation system in October of 2015. This budget results in a deficit of \$107,247.

Perry suggested that LARL request at least a 2% increase from Signatories.

Bursik agreed that LARL should look at a 2% increase, as well as an increase to the materials budget.

Buness suggested that LARL look at a 2% increase. The LARL budget has been very tight for several years and continued reliance on reserves might result in not having funds for a necessary purchase.

Grimsley voiced he would rather see a 1% increase rather than 2%. Grimsley feels that Becker County and Detroit Lakes are paying an amount that isn't proportionate to the rest of LARL. He believes that LARL should work toward equalizing the funding by signatories, by increasing funding of other Signatories while holding Becker County to the same funding at 2015.

Bursik requested to see a report of funding related to population.

The Finance Committee will meet in May before the Full Board meeting to review Signatory Funding.

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DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Lynch reported on the status of Regional Library Director openings around the state, in addition to issues that have occurred in regard to previous directors.

State Library Services is supporting a bill to restrict the sharing of Regional Library Directors among multiple Regional Library Systems. The bill is not supported by CRPLSA , nor the MN Library Association.

Regional Library Basic System Support (RLBSS) formula change has been added to the Senate Omnibus Education bill. The RLBSS formula changed slightly from the original formula Libraries had presented. The basic amount for each library system was decreased from proposed 15% to 13% (currently 5%), and the equalization portion was increase from the proposed 15% to 17% (currently 25%). The House Education funding target is very low, so there will be a challenge to get the bill through the House.

(Perry/Fox) Move to cancel the July 16th Executive Board Meeting as recommended by the Regional Library Director. MCU.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

No Report

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.