

The Mission of LARL is to enrich lives and strengthen communities.

**LARL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FULL BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

A meeting of the Lake Agassiz Regional Library Full Board was held on Thursday, March 23, 2017 at the Moorhead Public Library. President Kalil called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Board Members Present: Brammer, Briggs, Dailey, Durant, Fox, Grimsley, Hall, Haney, Ingersoll, Kalil (*President*), Larson, Schell, Syverson (alternate for Nelson), Willhite

Board Members Absent: Geray

Others Present: Lynch, Sprynczynatyk, Marcus Askvig – Eide Bailly, LLP

PUBLIC INPUT

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(Grimsley/Briggs) Move to approve the Agenda of the March 23, 2017 Full Board Meeting as presented. MCU.

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 19, 2017 FULL BOARD MEETING

(Haney, Dailey) Move to approve the Minutes of the January 19, 2017 Full Board Meeting as presented. MCU.

2016 AUDIT REPORT

Marcus Askvig of Eide Bailly, LLP presented LARL's 2016 audit report and answered questions.

FINANCIAL REPORT

With 16.67% of 2017 complete, LARL spent 16.42% of budgeted expenses. Interest/Dividend income is at 57.15% of budget due to LARL's municipal bonds primarily paying interest 2 times per year, the first payment period was in February. Accounting/Bank Fees are at 48.9% of budget due to audit fees paid.

(Fox/Ingersoll) Move to authorize the Director to submit the 2016 Annual Report to State Library Services. MCU.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

LARL is offering *Food for Fines* during the month of March. For each nonperishable food item donated to the library by a customer, a \$2 fine will be waived.

The *1,000 Books before Kindergarten* program is going well. The success of this grant funded program is going even better than anticipated. LARL is currently working on the logistics regarding how to maintain the success of the program.

The Regional Library Basic System Support (RLBSS) formula change was not in the House Education Bill. The push is now to contract Senators to make sure the RLBSS change is included in the Senate bill. Legacy funding for libraries was included in the house bill at \$2.75 million, although less than the \$4.25 million libraries asked for, the amount is a bit more than libraries are current getting.

The Trump administration is trying to eliminate the Institute of Museum and Library Services. This agency is responsible for allocating federal funds to the states. The state then allocates funding based on a grant process. LARL has been the recipient of many of these grants over the past several years. In addition, MN uses a portion of this funding for statewide shared resources. The elimination of this funding would have a big impact on library services across the state.

LARL recently received a \$91,000 grant from the Otto Bremer Trust to make improvements to the Breckenridge Library.

(Willhite/Brammer) Move to approve the revised Registration/Circulation Policy. MCU.

Lynch discussed the update to the LARL Strategic plan. Some of the bigger advancements LARL has made during the current plan includes migrating to a new automation system, developing a new staff intranet, and the upcoming LARL app. It is time to start developing a new strategic plan. Lynch will present a strategy for the next strategic plan at the May Full Board Meeting.

Becker County (Grimsley, Kalil)

No report.

Breckenridge (Fox)

The library is excited about the grant to remodel the library.

Clay County (Haney)

No report

Clearwater County (Syverson)

Syverson spoke with Steve Green and Matt Grossell at a Bagley town hall meeting, he informed them of the bill numbers that affect libraries.

Crookston (Briggs)

No report

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BOARD MEMBER REPORTS – continued:

Detroit Lakes (Schell)

Garrison Keillor is coming to the library April 27th. The library has worked very hard for several years to get him to come to Detroit Lakes. More than 500 people have signed up to attend. On April 27th a drawing will take place to select ticket holders.

City of Mahnomen (Durant)

The library participated in the *Festival of Fathers and Families* event hosted by White Earth Childcare and held at the casino. Library info was distributed to over 80 people and 28 *1,000 Books before Kindergarten* bags were handed out. Lois is gearing up for the Summer Reading Program. 50 people participated in Hot Reads for Cold Nights.

Mahnomen County (Geray – absent)

No report

Moorhead (Brammer, Dailey, Ingersoll)

Food for Fines is going well. The new DVD process has helped the theft problem. A book sale is scheduled for next week.

Norman County/Ada (Hall)

No report

Polk County (Willhite)

Lynch met with the Polk County Commission and the presentation was well received.

Wilkin County (Larson)

Larson recently got his first library card.

MN Library Association/Library Trustee and Advocates Section (Kalil)

No report

Northern Lights Library Network (Ingersoll, Dailey)

No report

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Legislators are on break the week before Easter, starting April 10th many Legislators will be holding town hall meetings. Board members are encouraged to attend and keep library issues fresh in Legislator's minds.

(Briggs/Syverson) Move to adjourn the meeting. MCU.

The meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

**Lake Agassiz Regional Library
2017 Board Meeting Attendance Schedule**

An "X" indicates the board member (or alternate) attended the meeting

	January	March	May	June	September	November
Becker County						
Grimsley	x	x				
Kalil	x	x				
Breckenridge						
Fox		x				
Clay County						
Haney	x	x				
Clearwater County						
Nelson/Syverson	x	x				
Crookston						
Briggs		x				
Detroit Lakes						
Schell	x	x				
Mahnomen						
Durant	x	x				
Mahnomen County						
Geray	x					
Moorhead						
Brammer	x	x				
Dailey	x	x				
Ingersoll		x				
Norman County						
Hall	x	x				
Polk County						
Willhite	x	x				
Wilkin County						
Larson	x	x				