

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, May 15th, 2014 at the Moorhead Public Library. President Perry called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Board Members Present: Bunes, Bursik, Chevalier, Douglas, Durand, Geray, Hall, Hansen, Grimsley, Johnson, Kalil, Knutson, Perry (*President*), Rue, Vinz, Ward.

Board Members Absent: Eidenschink, Fox, Ingersoll, Schmid, Schoenborn, Winterfeld, 2 open positions.

Others Present: Lynch, Sprynczynatyk.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(Bursik/Geray) Move to approve the Agenda of the May 15th, 2014 Full Board Meeting as presented. MCU.

MINUTES OF THE March 20th, 2014 FULL BOARD MEETING.

(Ward/Vinz) Move to approve the Minutes of the March 20th, 2014 Full Board Meeting as presented. MCU.

FINANCIAL REPORT

With 33.33% of 2014 complete, LARL has spent 32.16% of budgeted expenses. Expense items that appear high at this time include: Programming - Summer Reading at 66.25% due to the timeliness of the program and Accounting/Bank Fees at 74.95% due to the payment for the 2013 audit.

(Bunes/Grimsley) Move to reinvest the full annual distributions from the F-M Area Foundation for the Ada and Moorhead Branches, and \$330 of the Hawley Branch distribution into the sub funds from which they were earned and spend the full annual distribution from the F-M Area Foundation for the Crookston Branch and \$200 of the Hawley Branch distribution. MCU.

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FINANCIAL REPORT - continued

Sprynczynatyk discussed the second draft of the 2015 Preliminary Budget. The Executive/Finance Committees suggested increasing the 1.7% overall signatory increase request in the first draft (\$40,000) to 2% in the second draft (\$46,200). The additional \$6,200 will be added to the Materials Budget. There are 2 large unknown items in the budget which LARL won't know until August; Health Insurance which is budgeted at a 15% increase and State Basic Support which is currently budgeted to decrease \$19,209.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Lynch reported that the Fertile Librarian position has been filled.

The Moorhead Public Library has been asked to participate in the Northstar Digital Literacy project. Moorhead staff will receive training this summer and will start advertising the program to the public this fall. Participants completing the training sessions will receive certificates for their career portfolio.

The asbestos abatement at the Mahnomen Library has been completed. The Library has new carpet and a new service desk. Lynch thanked the City of Mahnomen and the White Earth Community College for their help during the project.

The new library in Bagley is coming along nicely. Construction is almost complete and moving is scheduled to start June 3rd, with the opening date of June 10th. \$50,000 of the State's Library Bonding Bill has been earmarked for the Bagley Library. Over the past 16 years the Clearwater Library Foundation has raised over \$300,000 for the new library project.

LARL received a \$5,000 Play and Learn grant to buy furniture and fixtures for the children's area of the new Bagley Library.

The Crookston Public Library will be having a LARL book sale May 19th to May 23rd.

The Ulen LINK Site hours have been adjusted. The LINK will be open on Thursdays from 9-11:00 a.m. rather than the current 2-4:00 p.m., resulting in morning hours for the community.

Dotz Johnson's retirement party will be at the Detroit Lake Public Library on Friday July 11th from 3-5:00 p.m. Dotz is the Youth Services Librarian in Detroit Lakes.

Bev Lake will be joining the LARL Board as a new City of Moorhead representative.

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BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Becker County (Bursik, Kalil, Grimsley, one open position)

No Report.

Breckenridge (Fox-absent)

No Report.

Clay County (Hansen, Ingersoll-absent, Ward)

No Report.

Clearwater County (Chevalier)

No report.

Crookston (Johnson)

No report.

Detroit Lakes (Douglas)

Douglas updated the board on many of the activities that took place in Detroit Lakes. The landscaping project at the Library will continue as soon as the weather gets nice. A bronze sculpture is being planned for the outside of the library. The Detroit Lakes Library Club will be donating \$500 to LARL for materials.

City of Mahanomen (Schoenborn-absent)

No Report.

Mahanomen County (Geray)

No report

Moorhead (Durand, Knutson, Schmid-absent, Vinz, Winterfeldt-absent, one open position)

Durand reported that the city budget talks will be starting soon. Knutson reported that the Moorhead Library will be hosting Moorhead City Staff Appreciation Day.

Norman County/Ada (Hall)

No Report.

Polk County (Buness, Eidenschink-absent, Rue)

The Fosston Community and Library Arts Center recently had a Festival of Tables fundraiser.

Wilkin County (Perry)

No Report.

MN Library Association/Library Trustees & Advocates Section (Bursik)

The Association is reviewing its bylaws.

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BOARD MEMBER REPORTS – continued:

Northern Lights Library Network (Ingersoll/Vinz)
Annual meeting is in Detroit Lakes on June 10th.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

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