

Moorhead Public Library
Board Meeting
January 10, 2017

Present: Mari Dailey, Chizuko Shastri, Megan Krueger, Wayne Ingersoll, Andrew Brammer, Karen Jacowitz (Friends of the Library), Joanne Molstre

Absent: Betsy Vinz, Matt Eidem, Kristi Carlson

There were enough Board members present to have a quorum. Chizuko Shastri, Vice President, conducted the meeting.

Approval of the Agenda:

The agenda was approved with two changes: (1) there were no minutes available from the December 13, 2016 meeting and (2) Liz Lynch presented the Legislative Update at the start of the meeting.

Approval of the December, 13, 2016 Minutes:

There were no minutes available from the December 13, 2016 meeting.

New Board Members:

The Board welcomed new members, Wayne Ingersoll and Andrew Brammer, who took the oath of office and signed the necessary form.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment at the meeting.

Legislative Update:

Liz Lynch presented Board members with the MN Legislative Update/LARL/MN Loves Libraries Campaign. The MN Library Association (MLA), and the Council of Regional Public Library System Administrators (CPRLSA) are proposing a funding request to the State Legislature to increase the annual appropriation for the Regional Library Basic System Support in the amount of \$3 million per year plus a change to the current distribution formula for RLBSS funds. The formula change would increase from 5% to 15% and reduce the Equalization factor from 25% to 15%. In addition to increasing the RLBSS funding and lessening the volatility of the current formula, the

proposal would request that the formula be based on the population and tax capacity figures as reported by the MN State Departments of Demography and Revenue by January 1st of the year in which the grants are awarded.

Director's Report:

LARL has launched 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, which is a nationwide movement intended to encourage children to read before beginning kindergarten. The target population is children ages birth through 5 years.

The library will host an exhibit entitled The World in FM, which explores diversity in the Red River Valley one photo and story at a time.

The Legacy funding from the State of MN is intended to offer literacy and cultural services free of charge to library patrons. A request to the State will be made to keep funding for the 12 regional library systems at the current level of \$91,000.

The MN Loves Library campaign will include comments from library patrons which will be used when attending Legislative sessions.

Refer to the Winter Events brochure or visit larl.org or a full listing of Moorhead Library events.

Other Business:

The results of the election of officers include the following:

President – Chizuko Shastri

Vice President – Joanne Molstre

Secretary – Kristi Carlson

A hand-out entitled, Role of Local Board Members, was distributed to those present at the meeting.

Next Meeting:

The next Board meeting will be held on February 14, 2017.

Submitted by,
Joanne Molstre, Secretary Pro Tem