

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

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

A meeting of the Lake Agassiz Regional Library Full Board was held on Thursday, November 16, 2017 at the Moorhead Public Library. President Kalil called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Board Members Present: Brammer, Briggs, Durant, Fox, Geray, Grimsley, Ingersoll, Kalil
(*President*), Larson, Schell, Syverson, Willhite

Board Members Absent: Dailey, Hall, Haney

Others Present: Lynch, Sprynczynatyk

PUBLIC INPUT

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(Geray/Syverson) Move to approve the Agenda of the November, 16 2017 Full Board Meeting as presented. MCU.

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2017 FULL BOARD MEETING

(Briggs/Fox) Move to approve the Minutes of the September 21, 2017 Full Board Meeting as presented. MCU.

FINANCIAL REPORT

With 83.33% of 2017 complete, LARL spent 79.78% of budgeted expenses. Revenues are at 99.61% of budget, all billings for 2017 have been completed and there will be minimal revenue the rest of 2017. All budget categories are tracking close to budget.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Carol Ricke has been hired as the new Branch Manager in Fosston.

The new winter reading program for LARL is going to be called Book Blizzard, replacing Hot Reads for Cold Nights.

Part of the Strategic Planning process is to review hours at some locations in the region. The number of open hours per week won't change, but the hours open each day might be changed. Communities will be surveyed before any change is made. Detroit Lakes hours recently changed, Barnesville's hours will change soon and Breckenridge will be surveyed next.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT - continued

LARL was informed this week that an Otto Bremer Trust grant will be received for \$150,000 for work on the Crookston Public Library.

Pictures of the results of the Breckenridge renovation from Breckenridge Bremer Foundation grant were reviewed.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

(Larson/Schell) Move to approve the slate of nominations to the Executive Board for 2018: President – Kalil, Vice President – Willhite, Treasurer – Ingersoll, and Members-at-Large – Grimsley and Dailey. MCU.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Becker County (Grimsley, Kalil)

No report.

Breckenridge (Fox)

The librarians do a great job at Storytimes. There have been some very good events that have been highly attended recently. Fox was thanked for her 9 years of service to the LARL Board.

Clay County (Haney-absent)

No report

Clearwater County (Syverson)

No report

Crookston (Briggs)

No report

Detroit Lakes (Schell)

There will be a holiday open house on December 8th from 2:00 to 4:00. The library is bringing Ann Bancroft, Polar Explorer to Detroit Lakes in February. A bid has been approved by the Detroit Lakes board to paint the library.

City of Mahanomen (Durant)

They are getting ready for the Book Blizzard program.

Mahanomen County (Geray)

No report

Moorhead (Brammer, Dailey-absent, Ingersoll)

The Library will have a booth at the Pangea event at the Hjemkomst this coming weekend. On Saturday December 9th the Friends of the Moorhead Library will have a mini book sale and open house.

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BOARD MEMBER REPORTS – continued:

Norman County/Ada (Hall-absent)

No report

Polk County (Willhite)

There is a lot of excitement for the Crookston remodel Bremer Foundation grant. Lynch was thanked for her work on applying for the grant.

Wilkin County (Larson)

Larson thanked Fox for her years of service on the LARL Board.

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

No report.

Northern Lights Library Network (Ingersoll, Dailey-absent)

At the last meeting the annual audit was reviewed. Several scholarships have recently been given to librarians around the Northern Lights region to attend various meetings. \$5,000 was donated to LARL for ebooks.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Kalil recently went to the New York Public Library, she discussed the beautiful building and her experience there.

OTHER

Lynch was asked to discuss the procedure followed when there is bad weather for LARL board meetings. If Board members can't make it to a meeting they are encourage to let Lynch know by noon on the day of the meeting. If it appears a quorum can't attend the meeting, the meeting will be cancelled or postponed by 1:00pm.

(Geray/Brammer) Move to adjourn the meeting. MCU.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 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 | x | x | x | x |
| Kalil | x | x | x | | x | x |
| Breckenridge | | | | | | |
| Fox | | x | x | x | x | x |
| Clay County | | | | | | |
| Haney | x | x | x | | x | |
| Clearwater County | | | | | | |
| Nelson/Syverson | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Crookston | | | | | | |
| Briggs | | x | x | x | x | x |
| Detroit Lakes | | | | | | |
| Schell | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Mahnomen | | | | | | |
| Durant | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Mahnomen County | | | | | | |
| Geray | x | | x | x | | x |
| Moorhead | | | | | | |
| Brammer | x | x | x | x | | x |
| Dailey | x | x | | | x | |
| Ingersoll | | x | | x | | x |
| Norman County | | | | | | |
| Hall | x | x | x | x | x | |
| Polk County | | | | | | |
| Willhite | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Wilkin County | | | | | | |
| Larson | x | x | x | x | x | x |