

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 15, 2018 at the Moorhead Public Library. President Kalil called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Board Members Present: Brammer, Briggs, Durant, Grimsley, Haney, Holecek, Jacobson, Kalil (*President*), Larson, Syverson

Board Members Absent: Dailey, Geray, Ingersoll, Schell, Willhite

Others Present: Lynch, Luke Evenson, Eide Bailey, LLP

PUBLIC INPUT

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(Briggs/Grimsley) Move to approve the Agenda of the March, 15 2018 Full Board Meeting as presented. MCU.

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 18, 2018 FULL BOARD MEETING

(Larson/Syverson) Move to approve the Minutes of the January 18, 2018 Full Board Meeting as presented. MCU.

2017 AUDIT REPORT – Luke Evenson, Eide Bailly, LLP

Luke Evenson, Eide Bailly, LLP presented the LARL 2017 audit report and answered questions.

FINANCIAL REPORT

No Financial Report.

(Brammer/Larson) Move to authorize the Director of Finance to submit the 2017 Annual Report to State Library Services.

(Jacobson/Grimsley) Move to approve the Final Report for the State Regional public Library System Arts and Cultural Heritage Program for FY2016 funding year.

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DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Lynch discussed the progress that has been made regarding Staff Development as it relates to the Strategic Plan focus areas of Customer Service, Connecting with the Community, and Comfort & Safety. A training plan has been created for 2018, which involves a variety of training options in an inclusive format. The goal is to empower the employees and give them the tools they need to provide the best possible service to the LARL communities and LARL community members.

Chris Boike has been actively pursuing donations in the Crookston community. \$5,000 was recently obtained from Crystal Sugar and an additional \$550 from the Crookston Matron’s Club. We are hoping to obtain as much of the \$25,000 match by May 1, 2018 but will be collecting donations up until November 2018.

The City of Crookston has gone out for bid for the restroom remodel, new lighting and new carpet for the Crookston project. Once the bids come in, the City of Crookston will decide if they will be installing the new lighting and carpet in 2018 or 2019.

During the month of May, LARL will be seeking funds from the community for an “I LOVE MY LIBRARY” fundraising campaign. The money raised will go towards the collection.

LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM for 2018

Lynch shared the 2018 platform and talked about the importance of advocating for the Increase in Basic Funding for Library Services. Lynch shared the 2017 RLBSS Funding Request chart to illustrate the requested formula change.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Kalil expressed her disappointment in the cancellation of LARL’s meeting with the legislators at the Capitol on March 6, 2018. The meeting was cancelled due to a snowstorm.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Becker County (Grimsley, Kalil)

No report.

Breckenridge (Holecek)

No report.

Clay County (Haney)

Haney reported a recent meeting with Legislators to lobby for a new transfer station.

Clearwater County (Syverson)

Syverson reported that the library always looks very clean and tidy.

Crookston (Briggs)

Briggs echoed Lynch’s report regarding news related to the Crookston Otto Bremer project.

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Detroit Lakes (Schell - absent)

Kalil reported on Detroit Lake's recent success regarding the Ann Bancroft programs, an event celebrating Dr. Seuss' Birthday, and the Harry Potter escape room. The interior of the library was recently painted, which brightened the library significantly. Frank Webber, Forensic Psychologist, will be in Detroit Lakes on April 9th to discuss his recent work of fiction.

City of Mahanomen (Durant)

Mahanomen had a great turnout for the Book Blizzard winter reading program and the library is currently hosting two Head Start groups for storytime. Lynch mentioned that Mahanomen's circulation has started out strong in 2018.

Mahanomen County (Geray - absent)

No report.

Moorhead (Brammer, Dailey absent, Ingersoll absent)

No report.

Norman County/Ada (Jacobson)

No report.

Polk County (Willhite - absent)

No report.

Wilkin County (Larson)

No report.

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

No report.

Northern Lights Library Network (Ingersoll-absent, Dailey-absent)

No report.

(Briggs/Durant) Move to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.