

*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 21, 2019 at the Moorhead Public Library. Treasurer Grimsley called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.**

**Board Members Present:** Anderson, Briggs, Durant, Geray, Grimsley, Haney, Holecek, Jacobson, Kalil (phone), Larson, Schell, Titera, and Willhite.

**Board Members Absent:** Brammer, Carlson & Geray.

**Others Present:** Lynch and Jackie Durant from the public.

**PUBLIC INPUT**  
None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*(Geray/Haney) Move to approve the Agenda of the March 21, 2019 Full Board Meeting as presented. MCU.*

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 17, 2019 FULL BOARD MEETING**

*(Haney/Schell) Move to approve the Minutes of the January 17, 2019 Full Board Meeting as presented. MCU.*

**WELCOME TO NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

Grimsley welcomed Linda Anderson, City of Moorhead and administered the Oath of Office.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

With 16.67% of 2019 complete, LARL has spent 17.06% of budgeted expenses.

**2018 AUDIT REPORT**

Luke Evenson from Eide Bailly discussed the 2018 LARL Audit. Evenson referred the board to page 2 of the report and recited the Opinion paragraph, which indicates that the audit is materially accurate and without errors – a clean audit opinion. Evenson then referred to page 14 and discussed the 2018 fund balance. Jacobson and Titera requested a 10 year comparison of Fund Balances. Evenson agreed to provide this during the 2019 audit and may work with Sprynczynatyk to produce the figures earlier. If trustees have further questions, Liz or Jamie will provide Evenson's contact information.

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***(Larson/Geray) Move to approve the 2019 Financial Report as presented by Grimsley. MCU.***

***(Titera/Briggs) Move to authorize the Director of Finance to submit the 2018 Annual Report to State Library Services. MCU***

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Lynch discussed the 2019 Legislative Session and the two bills for RLBSS Funding and Legacy Funding. Regarding Legacy Funding, the Regional Public Library Systems are asking for a continuing allocation of \$2.5 million annually from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. Regarding RLBSS, the Regional Public Library Systems are asking for an increase of \$4 million, plus a formula change. The Regional Library Systems are also willing to accept less than \$4 million as long as all system are held harmless.

We are thrilled that local Senator Mark Johnson is the Chief Author of the RLBSS bill and that other local legislators are willing to support his bill.

Lynch addressed two questions that were asked at a previous meeting regarding the RLBSS bills:

Q: Why do we always attach the bill to the Education Omnibus Bill?

A: If the legislature were to allow one interest group/item/client to access the floor for with a standalone bill, others would want the same. The volume of actions that would have to be taken at the full House or Senate level would increase markedly as a result.

Q: Why haven't we asked for indexing for funding?

A: One legislature should not remove decision making authority from the next legislature. As a result, they focus on their two year biennial cycles – and leave the future to the future.

Lynch discussed the 2018 Donor Report that was sent out in February.

Lynch shared a message sent to the LARL Board from Arlen Syverson.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

No report.

## **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

**Becker County** (Grimsley/Kalil)

No Report

**Breckenridge** (Holecek)

Programming is running strong. The Friends offered a very successful murder mystery fundraiser in February and will consider offering this fundraiser annually.

**Clay County** (Jim Haney)

The County is preparing for flooding.

**Clearwater County** (Mark Titera)

Happy to see advertisements in the local paper for upcoming events for children and adults.

**Crookston** (Clayton Briggs)

No Report

**Detroit Lakes** (Linda Schell)

Full staffed, but a lot of recent staffing changes. Mary Haney is doing well. Excited about upcoming authors events.

**Mahnomen** (LuAnn Durant)

No Report

**Mahnomen County** (David Geray)

The library is seeing a lot of traffic.

**Moorhead** (Anderson)

No Report

**Norman County** (Jacobson)

No Report

**Polk County** (Willhite)

Commissioners have been to the Capital to meet with legislators. Budget reviews will beginning shortly.

**Wilkin County** (Larson)

Erin Gunderson, Breckenridge Branch Manager did a great job talking with Senator Westrom and Representative Backer at a recent legislative forum in Breckenridge.

**MN Library Association/Library Trustees and Advocates Section** (Kalil)

No Report

**Northern Lights Library Network** (Holecek/Schell)

Holecek and Schell attended the February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Schell explained that NLLN exists to serve the public, academic, school and special libraries. In addition, Schell commented on ratio of administration costs vs. programs, and also on the reserves.

Geray asked Liz to look into Go to Meeting, as an option for future meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20.