

*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 16, 2019 at the Moorhead Public Library. President Kalil called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.**

**Board Members Present:** Briggs, Carlson, Durant, Grimsley, Haney, Holecek, Kalil  
*(President), Schell, Titera, Willhite.*

**Board Members Absent:** Anderson, Brammer, Geray, Jacobson, Larson.

**Others Present:** Lynch, Sprynczynatyk

**PUBLIC INPUT**

None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 21, 2019 FULL BOARD MEETING**

***(Willhite/Schell) Move to approve the Minutes of the March 21, 2019 Full Board Meeting as presented. MCU.***

**WELCOME TO NEW BOARD MEMBER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Kalil welcomed Shelly Carlson, City of Moorhead

Carlson recited the Oath of Office.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Sprynczynatyk discussed that through April we are 33.33% of the way through 2019 and 33.31% of the budget has been spent. The Accounting/Bank fees line in *Other Expenses* is at 64.39% of budget due to the 2018 audit paid in full.

***(Briggs/Dailey) Move to reinvest the full annual distributions from the F-M Area Foundation for the Ada, and Moorhead Branches and \$325 of the Hawley 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 distribution and \$450 of the Hawley distribution. MCU.***

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Sprynczynatyk discussed the second draft of the 2020 Preliminary Budget. There were no changes to the budget from draft #1 presented to the Executive/Finance Committees in April. There are 2 large unknown items in the budget which LARL won't know until August; Health Insurance which is budgeted at a 10% increase, and State Basic Support which is currently budgeted to increase by \$5,800. The budget includes a 3% increase to LARL Signatories.

Lynch referenced the LARL Joint Powers Agreement and reminded the board that if a Signatory doesn't meet LARL's funding request, dollar-for-dollar cuts will be made to staffing and open hours in the service area of that signatory. Kalil asked the Board how they feel a 3% increase would be received by their respective Counties and Cities. All Board members that spoke felt the 3% increase shouldn't be a big issue.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Lynch recently went to Mahanomen and had a discussion with the Mahanomen City Administrator about applying for grants to renovate the Mahanomen Library. They would like to add an elevator so they could start using the upper level of the library building, as well as update the Library.

Lynch discussed the Spring Legacy events offered by LARL. Attendance has been very high. 357 people attended the Haunted Blue jazz program, almost 500 people attended the Eric Bergeson programs, and over 1,000 people attended the Dr. Seuss programs. Libraries are working to keep Legacy funding.

Fifteen individuals have become Page Turners through the monthly giving program.

Lynch discussed LARL's progress on the current Strategic Plan.

### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

#### **Becker County** (Grimsley, Kalil)

No Report.

#### **Breckenridge** (Holecek)

No Report.

#### **Clay County** (Haney)

The County is continuing to construct a regional juvenile detention center.

#### **Clearwater County** (Titera - absent)

No report.

#### **Crookston** (Briggs)

Briggs thanked Lynch for coming to speak to the Crookston Library Board.

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**Detroit Lakes** (Schell)

Deb Wahl, Public Services Supervisor has given her official retirement notice, and will be retiring August 31<sup>st</sup>. Deb has done a great job of getting authors to speak at the Library over the years.

**City of Mahnomen** (Durant)

No Report.

**Mahnomen County** (Geray - absent)

No report.

**Moorhead** (Anderson – absent, Brammer - absent, Carlson)

No report.

**Norman County/Ada** (Jacobson-absent)

No report.

**Polk County** (Willhite)

Willhite reminded the Board to report back to their Cities/Counties regarding the popularity of library programming that Lynch reported on.

**Wilkin County** (Larson - absent)

No report.

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

No report.

**Northern Lights Library Network** (Holecek, Kalil)

A meeting is coming up in June. There is a training coming up “Better Together” in Fergus Falls on June 6<sup>th</sup> at Lakes Country Service Coop.

***(Haney/Briggs) Move to adjourn.***

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.