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**LARL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
Approved**

A meeting of the Lake Agassiz Regional Library Executive Committee was held on Thursday, August 20, 2020 online. President Kalil called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Executive Committee Members Present: Briggs, Grimsley, Kalil (*President*).

Executive Committee Members Absent: Larson.

Others Present: Lynch, Sprynczynatyk.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Sprynczynatyk requested a Health Insurance discussion be added to the agenda as item 3b.

(Grimsley/Briggs) Move to approve the agenda of the August 20, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting with the addition of a Health Insurance topic. MCU.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sprynczynatyk discussed that through 58.33% of the year LARL has spent 55.48% of budgeted expenses. Miscellaneous revenue is lower than budget due to closings earlier in the year and the ongoing express library services currently offered. LARL hasn't been billed from MN Unemployment for unemployment charges for the furloughed employees. Library Programming, Staff Development, and Mileage/Board Meeting Expense categories are all under budget due to reduced in-person services and COVID related cutbacks.

(Grimsley/Willhite) Move to authorize the Regional Library Director and Finance/HR Director to submit the Report of Results Accomplished for the FY2020 Regional Library Basic System Support (RLBSS) Grant. MCU.

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FINANCIAL REPORT - continued

Sprynczynatyk discussed that LARL received the 2021 health insurance rates from Lakes Country Service Coop which reflect a 4.8% increase. A quote was also received from the MN PEIP program, although rates were comparable, the LCSC rates are lower. The Committee agreed that due to the modest increase and comparable rates that LARL should wait until the summer of 2021 to look further into possibly changing health insurance providers.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

All LARL locations but Cormorant are currently open to the Public. The facility that houses the Cormorant LINK Site is closed to the public so the LINK is unable to open.

LARL is working the Career Force to partner in different ways to see how LARL can help people looking for jobs. LARL is also making a list of educators around the region in an effort to increase communication and allow for more targeted marketing to show educators what services LARL has to offer. The CARES grant LARL received is going to allow LARL to replace all the public computers region wide.

The wifi hotspots LARL is offering to the public are being very well received, customers say they are easy to use and they are being heavily used.

Grimsley asked about having a hybrid meeting in September, so board members could meet in person or have the option still meet online.

OTHER

Briggs reported that he asked Chris Boike, Crookston Hub Supervisor to the Crookston Way and Means meeting. Having her there to speak about LARL and the Crookston Library and answer questions was appreciated. The Polk County Commission is also looking forward to have Lynch speak. Lynch spoke to the Clay County Commission recently.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.