

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, January 21, 2021 online via Zoom. President Kalil called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

Board Members Present: Ahmann, Briggs, Carlson, Durant, Ebinger, Grimsley, Holecek, Jacobson, Kalil (*President*), Larson, Schell, Shastri, Willhite.

Board Members Absent: Anderson, Titera.

Others Present: Lynch, Sprynczynatyk.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 2020 FULL BOARD MEETING

(Larson/Briggs) Move to approve the Minutes of the November 19, 2020 Full Board Meeting as presented. MCU.

WELCOME TO NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Kalil welcomed David Ebinger, Clay County.

Ebinger recited the Oath of Office.

FINANCIAL REPORT

With 100% of 2020 complete, LARL spent 93.17% of budgeted expenses. The financial report is “unadjusted” and will change as the year is closed out and LARL prepares for the annual financial audit.

Sprynczynatyk discussed that Regional Telecom Aid is at 140% of budget, due to receiving a portion of the extra funds that were available to libraries after normal internet and equipment costs were paid. Several of the expense line items ended up under budget due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

(Willhite/Schell) Move to approve the list of authorized institutions for 2021 as reviewed and recommended by the Finance Committee: Bell Bank and Edward Jones. MCU.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT - continued

Sprynczynatyk discussed changes from the Preliminary budget to the Final. All Signatories will meet LARL's 2021 funding request.

Carlson updated the board that the Moorhead City Council is going to ask the Legislature to approve a ½ cent sales tax to be used to build a new library and community center.

(Briggs/Ebinger) Move to approve the 2021 Budget as reviewed and recommended by the Finance Committee. MCU.

(Larson/Schell) Move to approve the 2021 Designated Funds as reviewed and recommended by the Director and the Finance Committee. MCU

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Lynch discussed her written report in the packet.

Lynch discussed Regional Public Library Basic System Support. This year regional library systems are willing to negotiate for funding, in effort to see the formula adjusted. Kalil informed the board of the virtual library legislative week scheduled during the last week of February.

(Briggs/Ebinger) Move to approve the Lake Agassiz Regional Library board support CRPLSA to advocate at the legislature to increase the funding to the 12 regional public library systems, to be distributed through a formula that will stabilize the relative allocation of funds to each system, in a manner that holds each system harmless for their current allocations, and which advances the ability of Minnesota's regional public library systems to help meet the library needs of its' citizens. MCU

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

(Jacobson/Ahmann) Move to approve the 2021 Board Meeting Schedule as presented. MCU.

(Briggs/Holecek) Move to approve the 2021 Board Committee Assignments as presented. MCU.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Becker County (Grimsley, Kalil)
No report.

Breckenridge (Holecek)
The Breckenridge board has not met since February 2020 and are discussing how to resume meetings.

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BOARD MEMBER REPORTS – continued:

Clay County (Ebinger)

Jenna Kahly, LARL's Programming Coordinator is a new Clay County Commissioner.

Clearwater County (Titera-absent)

No report

Crookston (Briggs)

No report

Detroit Lakes (Schell)

All portions of the community assessment have been completed. The report has been received in draft by the DL Library Director. It will then go to the committee, Library Board and then the City. Detroit Lakes Library Fund Board met and approved funding to update the Carnegie portion of the library. The board is looking at how to celebrate LARL's 60th Anniversary as well as the 150th Anniversary of Detroit Lakes. The Detroit Lakes Library received a Splash Award from the Detroit Lakes Chamber of Commerce. Terry Kalil also received an award.

City of Mahanomen (Durant)

The Library is working on getting a new front door.

Mahanomen County (Ahmann)

No report.

Moorhead (Anderson-absent, Carlson, Shastri)

The legal kiosk will be set up in one of the Moorhead study rooms.

Norman County (Jacobsen)

No report.

Polk County (Willhite)

Chris Boike the director from Crookston Library did an excellent job of talking to the Lion's Group.

Wilkin County (Larson)

No report.

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

No report.

Northern Lights Library Network (Kalil, Holecek - absent)

NLLN is sponsoring a 1 day session called, "Do you want to be an author." NLLN is sponsoring Wednesday afternoon conversations for school librarians to share ideas.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

No report.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15.