

The Mission of LARL is to enrich lives and strengthen communities.

**LARL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FULL BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

A hybrid meeting of the Lake Agassiz Regional Library Full Board was held on Thursday, November 19, 2020. President Kalil called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

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

Board Members Absent: Anderson, Durant, Larson, Titera.

Others Present: Lynch, Sprynczynatyk

PUBLIC INPUT

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 18, 2020 FULL BOARD MEETING

(Jacobson/Briggs) Move to approve the Minutes of the September 17, 2020 Full Board Meeting. MCU.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Crookston Library filled the Library Associate position.

LARL's staff day via Zoom went very well. There was a lot of positive feedback.

The Moorhead Public Library has switched to curbside and by appointment services only, due to COVID and staffing issues. Crookston is also considering modifying services due to the COVID situation in Polk County.

Lynch thanked Jim Haney for his years of service on the LARL Board. Travel guides of Ireland have been purchased for the LARL collection and Haney will be recognized on the inside cover of the books. Jenna Kahly, LARL Legacy Coordinator has filled the County Commission seat that Haney is vacating.

Lynch discussed the LARL/Moorhead Public Library Needs assessment and the benefits to the entire LARL Region. Carlson was able to secure \$5,000 of funding to cover half of the cost of a Library Strategies study if LARL is willing to contribute the other \$5,000 of the study cost.

(Willhite/Haney) Move to authorize LARL to contribute \$5,000 of designated funds to pay for a consultant study to complete a needs assessment for LARL and the Moorhead Public Library. MCU.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

With 83.33% of the year complete, 78.19% of budgeted expenses have been spent. Miscellaneous Revenue are currently under budget, this is due to the COVID-19 reductions of in-person services. Library Programming, Staff Development and Mileage/Board Meeting Expenses are under budget due to service reductions due to COVID as well as online board meetings. Due to CARES funding and extra Regional Telecom Aid Capital Expenditures are also under budget. Sprynczynatyk discussed that LARL will finish the year with a significant surplus, rather than making any changes to the 2021 budget this late in the year, the surplus will be considered while working on the 2022 budget.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

All current Executive Board members expressed interest in serving again in 2021.

(Ahmann/Schell) Move to approve the slate of Executive Board members for 2021 with President – Kalil, Vice President – Willhite, Treasurer – Grimsley, Members-At-Large – Briggs and Larson. MCU.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Becker County (Grimsley, Kalil)
No report.

Breckenridge (Holecek)
No report.

Clay County (Haney – absent – left before board reports)
No report

Clearwater County (Titera - absent)
No report

Crookston (Briggs)
No report

Detroit Lakes (Schell)
The Detroit Lakes Library needs assessment is going well. The library is offering Winter Survival project kits, with projects library customers can do at home.

City of Mahnomen (Durant – absent)
No report

Mahnomen County (Ahmann)
No report.

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Moorhead (Anderson, Carlson, Shastri)

The Library has been offering only curbside service and in person service by appointment since October 14.

Norman County (Jacobson)

The county has been battling COVID-19.

Polk County (Willhite)

COVID has been a big issue recently. The county recently purchased a freezer for potential vaccine storage.

Wilkin County (Larson - absent)

No report.

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

No report.

Northern Lights Library Network (Schell/Holecek)

NLLN approved \$5,000 to support LARL's ebook collection.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Kalil congratulated Lynch on being elected as the MN Library Association Legislative Chair Elect for 2021, Chair in 2022 and Past Chair in 2023.

OTHER

Lynch discussed that 2021 is LARL's 60th Anniversary.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40.