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

A hybrid meeting of the Lake Agassiz Regional Library Full Board was held on Thursday, March 24, 2022 at the Moorhead Public Library. President Willhite called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Board Members Present: Briggs, Caroon, Durant, Geray, Greenley, Grimsley, Holecek, Jacobson, Kalil, Larson, Schell, Shastri, Titera, Willhite
(President).

Board Members Absent: Ebinger.

Others Present: Lynch, Sprynczynatyk, Tracee Bruggeman (Brady Martz & Associates)

PUBLIC INPUT

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 20, 2022 FULL BOARD MEETING

(Briggs/Larson) Move to approve the Minutes of the January 20, 2022 Full Board Meeting as presented. MCU.

AUDIT REPORT

Tracee Bruggeman from Brady Martz & Associates presented the 2021 audit report and answered questions.

FINANCIAL REPORT

With 16.67% of 2022 complete, LARL spent 16.27% of budgeted expenses.

Revenues are at 26% of budget due to LARL doing quarterly billing to Signatories. All expense categories are either at or slightly below budget.

(Larson/Shastri) Move to authorize the Director of Finance to submit the 2021 Annual Report to State Library Services. MCU.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Lynch discussed her written report in the packet. Lynch noted that it seems that applications for open positions are not coming in like they have in the past.

Lynch discussed the legislative Talking Points.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Willhite discussed Union Negotiations. An agreement was verbally reached, we are currently waiting for a signed agreement from the Union. The agreement is tentatively for 3 years, with a 5% increase in 2022, 4% increase in 2023, and 4% in 2024. It also allows for a union member to have 30 minutes paid time to speak with new employees about the union shortly after the employment begins.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Becker County (Grimsley, Kalil)

Kalil discussed the Detroit Lakes bathroom update project. The donation to pay for the renovations has been received. The project will likely happen in the fall.

Breckenridge (Holecek)

The new branch manager has started as well as a Sub that worked at the library in the past.

Clay County (Ebinger-absent)

No report.

Clearwater County (Titera)

No report.

Crookston (Briggs)

No report.

Detroit Lakes (Schell)

Detroit Lakes had a program with the owners of a 100 year old home in Detroit Lakes that was recently on the House Hunters TV program.

City of Mahnomen (Durant)

No report.

Mahnomen County (Geray)

No report.

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BOARD MEMBER REPORTS – continued:

Moorhead (Caroon, Greenley, Shastri)

Public input sessions are coming up April 5 and 19th at the Moorhead Center Mall so people can discuss ideas for the new Moorhead Library and Community Center. Caroon is chairing the Communication and Marketing Committee for the Vote Yes campaign. Shastri discussed the roof leak in the Moorhead Library. AARP is offering tax service at the Library.

Norman County (Jacobsen)

Norman County is building a new \$10M highway department building. The contract has been awarded. Counties will be redistricting soon.

Polk County (Willhite)

Polk County is looking at some minor redistricting changes.

Wilkin County (Larson)

No report.

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

They are working on trying to get Library bills passed.

Northern Lights Library Network (Holecek, Schell)

Board members are encouraged to let their local librarians know that Northern Lights has funding for scholarships for education training.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40.