

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, June 16, 2022. President Willhite called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Board Members Present: Caroon, Ebinger, Greenley, Grimsley, Holecek, Jacobson, Kalil, Shastri, Titera, Willhite (*President*).

Board Members Absent: Briggs, Durant, Geray, Larson, 1 open position.

Others Present: Lynch, Sprynczynatyk

PUBLIC INPUT

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(Ebinger/Jacobson) Move to approve the meeting agenda as presented. MCU.

MINUTES OF THE MAY 19, 2022 FULL BOARD MEETING

(Jacobson/Titera) Move to approve the Minutes of the May 19, 2022 Full Board Meeting as presented. MCU.

FINANCIAL REPORT

With 41.67% of the year complete, 40.49% of budgeted expenses have been spent. Regional Library Telecom Aid is at 92.35% of budget due to additional funding being received. Miscellaneous Revenue is at -104.27% of budget due to municipal bonds trading at lower value, LARL will hold the investments until called or matured and will still receive interest payments.

(Kalil/Ebinger) Move to approve the application for State FY2023 Regional Library Basic System Support. MCU.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Willhite reported the Finance Committee reviewed Draft 3 of the preliminary budget and recommended the full board approve Draft #3.

(Ebinger/Titera) Move to approve the 2023 Preliminary Budget Draft #3 – as reviewed and recommended by the Finance Committee. MCU.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Lynch discussed the written report in the board packet.

After the board packet was sent out, a few resignations were turned in. The Regional Office will have an opening for a Routing and Rotation Assistant, Moorhead has an open Associate position. The Mahnomen Librarian, Lois Schaedler will be retiring after 20 years.

Lynch discussed the Library Bill of Rights so the Board members have an understanding of the underlying principles of libraries in the United States and Minnesota. Lynch discussed LARL's process when a book is challenged.

Lynch discussed two issues that recently came up. One issue was with a Pride Month display, but no formal action was taken by the customer. The other issue was with a customer who was troubled by the use of pronouns in email signatures.

Kalil discussed a webinar coming up by the MN Association of Library Friends regarding banned books then and now.

Kalil discussed a letter of support she drafted on behalf of the LARL board to show support for the effort to build a new library in Moorhead. The board discussed the draft and suggested changes to the letter.

(Kalil/Willhite) Move to approve the letter of support on behalf of the LARL board for a new Moorhead Public Library as discussed. MCU.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Becker County (Grimsley, Kalil)

The Summer Learning Experience is going very good. The City of Detroit Lakes cleaned up the landscaping around the library.

Breckenridge (Holecek)

No report.

Clay County (Ebinger)

No report.

Clearwater County (Titera)

No report.

Crookston (Briggs-absent)

No report.

Detroit Lakes (open)

No report.

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City of Mahanomen (Durant-absent)

No report.

Mahanomen County (Geray)

No report.

Moorhead (Caroon, Greenley –absent, Shastri)

The look and location of the proposed new library will be released in early August. The vote yes campaign will get going after the plans are released. Book Truck season is in full swing, there are many stops weekly around town

Norman County (Jacobson)

There will be some contested elections in the county this fall. Jacobson got redistricted and will need to run again.

Polk County (Willhite)

Fertile is having an art event. Crookston has a concert today.

Wilkin County (Larson-absent)

No report.

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

No report.

Northern Lights Library Network (Holecek/Open)

There will be a telephone conference call next Saturday.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

No report.

OTHER

Shastri discussed active shooter training for LARL employees. Lynch discussed that training has taken place in Moorhead in the past. Willhite asked Ebinger to discuss with Lynch about developing a plan for each LARL location.

Ebinger suggested while a new Moorhead Library is being discussed that putting an office for a police officer in the building should be considered.

Lynch discussed that Linda Schell was one of LARL's Northern Lights Library Network representatives. The LARL Board can appoint a representative.

(Kalil/Grimsley) Move to appoint Linda Schell as a LARL Representative on the Northern Lights Library Network Board. MCU.

The meeting adjourned at 6:51.