MINUTES

Board Present: Shirley Bruursema, Marla Ehlers, Martha Ferriby, Teresa Kline, Diane Kooiker, Molly Walker

Board Absent: Sharon Engelsman, Kelly Richards, Lance Werner

Call to order The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by President Kline. The roll-call sign-up sheet was circulated.

Agenda Motion by Walker to approve the agenda. Seconded by Kooiker. Motion carried.

Questions From Members with Board President/Cooperative Director Answers There were no questions submitted before the meeting.

Public Comment Mattie Cook introduced Jennifer Salgat, new director at the Lake Odessa Community Library.

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Financial Report -- February Balance Sheet

Cooperative Director’s Report -- Written Report There were no questions about the written report. Carol reported that she is hoping to visit all member libraries in the next few weeks. She is working on scheduling those visits.

-- Strategic Plan Action Report The Board members explained items in the plan that were not clear, giving Carol some background information on the items related to continuing education.
Committee Reports

--Finance Committee: Unofficial minutes of the February 20, 2018 meeting were included in the packet
--Personnel Committee: None
--PPS Committee: None
--Advisory Council: None
--ILS Council: Unofficial minutes from the February 8, 2018 meeting were included in the packet.

Unfinished Business

New Business

Bank Signatures: Flagstar Bank
Motion by Bruursema to approve the Public Unit Master Signature Authorization Agreement for Flagstar Bank. Seconded by Ehlers. Motion carried.

Board Development

April Board Development Topic: Molly Walker
May Board Development Topic: Marla Ehlers will discuss Cultural Intelligence

Staff members from Kent District Library (Kurt Stevens, Michele Boisvenu-Fox, Carrie Wilson and members from KDL’s IT staff) and representatives from Bibliotheca (Dustin Lamm and Brett Ward) conducted a demonstration of KDL’s new ebook platform, Bibliotheca cloudLibrary. They also offered demos on Bibliotheca’s self-checkout systems. KDL switched from Overdrive to cloudLibrary in December 2017. They migrated 108,000 Overdrive titles to the cloudLibrary. At the same time, they activated the cloudLink capability which enables them to share their ebook collection with other libraries. East Lansing Public Library is their first partner. Eventually, they are hoping to have more Michigan libraries bring content to cloudLibrary and use cloudLink to share among participants. There are several Michigan libraries looking at bringing their Overdrive Advantage collections into cloudLibrary. The product was developed by 3M and is used in many states across the country. Bibliotheca assumed ownership when they purchased 3M. The product was formerly called the 3M Cloud Library. KDL staff members talked about their experience with the switch from Overdrive to cloudLibrary. Overall, they reported a smooth transition. Kindle (except Fire devices) e-readers are not compatible with cloudLibrary currently. CloudLibrary also features a collection of 43,000 titles that are part of an optional pay per use model. The cloudLink service is also an optional feature which is separate from the standard cloudLibrary platform. KDL is using both cloudLink and the pay per use options. Dustin Lamm also discussed integration of cloudLibrary with the Bibliotheca self-checkout workstations. Information packets were distributed to the group for information.

Public Comment

Pamela Myers reminded everyone of the upcoming Continuing Education events. Teen Unconference will be held at Herrick District Library on April 9, 2018. The next Coffee, Conversation, and Connections session will be on May 3, 2018. The topic will be Management and Administration. Lakeland director, Carol Dawe will be the featured speaker.
Kelly Tinkham reported that the Newaygo Area District Library has begun a strategic planning process. They just released a community survey.

**Board Comments**  
Diane Kooiker reported the Herrick District Library has launched their new seed library. Author, Jason Reynolds will speak at Herrick on March 26.

Shirley Bruursema reported that there were 75 people in attendance at the recent millage workshop held in Flint. Friday March 9 is the Trustee training workshop in Southfield. She reported that there are 66 people registered. The workshop will be repeated at Delta District Library near Lansing this fall. Parts of the workshop will also be repeated at the upcoming Rural Libraries Conference in Traverse City. It is time to renew your FOMA memberships.

Marla Ehlers reported they along with KDL and the Literacy Council have formed a partnership to work on the third-grade reading mandate. They are working with educators and others to develop resources and promote the use of public libraries. They are anticipating finalizing the contract with the next director of the Grand Rapids Public Library soon. When that contract is set, there will be a public announcement.

**Adjournment**  
The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. at the Kent District Library Service Center.

Minutes submitted by,

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