

**LAKELAND LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
GRANTS COMMITTEE MINUTES – Official
Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.
Lakeland Library Cooperative, Grand Rapids, MI**

Present: Teresa Kline (Chair), Marla Ehlers, Bethany Nettleton, Jackie Roseberry, Heather Wood-Gramza
Staff Present: Carol Dawe, Kelly Ann Schroeder (took minutes)

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Teresa Kline, Chair. The representative from the Literacy Center of West Michigan had not yet arrived.
- 2) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Marla Ehlers moved, supported by Bethany Nettleton, to approve the agenda as presented - *motion carried*.
- 3) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Marla Ehlers moved, supported by Heather Wood-Gramza, to approve the Grants Committee minutes from May 29, 2019 as presented – *motion carried*.
- 4) **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
 - a) Youth Services Grant Activity Update – Bethany had nothing to report and the next Youth Services meeting will be in the fall.
 - b) Assignment Reports:
 - Heather had gathered materials to share. In particular, she brought in “Summer Matters” and discussed some of the main points. It raised the questions, “Who is NOT at the table?” Another idea is regarding what initiatives we can do differently, so that they are engaging, interactive, self-motivated and how do we measure them. She referenced one organization that trains their library staff yearly to have what they need for success (specific to a summer initiative, but relevant in general). Some other things to consider are our barriers to access and how we can be more intentional [as we plan]. An important piece to consider is scalability given our varying library dynamics.
 - Carol asked for clarification on the survey and the intended topic of 3rd Grade Literacy. She presented a draft survey and asked for committee input. Kelly will make the suggested edits and get the survey on Survey Monkey as suggested after Labor Day.
 - Jackie did some research on grants/initiatives from other cooperatives. One possibility was getting literacy materials (books, tech, etc.) into the hands of homeless children. There was also a program with “buddies” for the kids (sponsored by Better World Books).
 - Marla mentioned the Books on the Bus initiative KDL did with schools and the city bus system. She also mentioned that GRPL’s Business Librarian is trained to work with the Foundation Center resources and can teach classes.
 - Carol likes the idea of “low-hanging fruit” and to find out what is already working and build on it. She also asked how the group wants to handle these grant opportunities and some of that can be better answered after the survey results are gathered. Continued research to see what is available and how we might use any grant that fit the target goal was also desirable.
 - There are resources on grant writing via Demco and other sources.
- 5) **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a) Literacy Center of West Michigan – Marla spoke on behalf of the Literacy Center for West Michigan. She gave a brief history and mentioned some focus areas they work on/with. Teresa mentioned that Allegan County would like to start up a literacy program and that LCWM does training for that. It was suggested that this would make a great partnership and that Wendy can help with making connections and guiding to resources. The next step would be to see if Wendy can meet with the committee in August.
- 6) **NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, August 14, 2019, 9:30 a.m. at Lakeland Library Cooperative
- 7) **ADJOURNMENT:** Jackie Roseberry moved, supported by Bethany Nettleton, to adjourn at 10:23 a.m. - *motion carried*.