

**LAKELAND LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
GRANTS COMMITTEE MINUTES – Official
Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.
Lakeland Library Cooperative, Grand Rapids, MI**

Present: Teresa Kline (Chair), Marla Ehlers, Bethany Nettleton, Heather Wood-Gramza

Absent: Jackie Roseberry

Staff: Carol Dawe, Janet Cornell, Kelly Schroeder

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m. by Teresa Kline, Chair.
- 2) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Bethany Nettleton moved, supported by Heather Wood-Gramza, to approve the agenda as presented - *motion carried*.
- 3) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Heather Wood-Gramza moved, supported by Bethany Nettleton, to approve the Grants Committee minutes from October 30, 2019 as presented – *motion carried*.
- 4) **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
 - a) Youth Services Grant Update – Bethany Nettleton reported the survey results are in, but no action has been taken yet. They will be meeting after the regular Youth Services Meeting and will discuss the survey results.
- 5) **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a) Mission of Committee – Teresa Kline sent out a draft with the meeting agenda for us to review and make any suggestions for change. Marla Ehlers moved, supported by Bethany Nettleton to accept the mission statement as worded: ***“The mission of the grants committee is to identify, evaluate, apply and administer collaborative grant opportunities that align with the mission, goals and resource needs of the Lakeland Library Cooperative and its members.”- motion carried.***
 - b) Michigan Humanities Grants Components – Carol Dawe talked with James Nelson from Michigan Humanities about their grant program. He liked that we want to do the program on a bigger scale and suggested 7-8 libraries to start, with the capability of adding more in the future. He was very excited with the prospect of working with us and can be flexible on his end. The grant process has changed since they started so it isn't so rigid as originally depicted. Some details they discussed to make it work was to have a local coordinator for each site and a Lakeland staff person designated to help them, and to have 2 or 3 Scholar Storytellers to cover all the sites instead of one for each site. It is a very different type of program, reaching people usually not served by the library, so it will take more time to implement. He was very enthusiastic about working with us and getting the program up and going.
 - c) Pilot Programs – An email was sent out to directors with a description of the program and to respond if interested, but only 3 responses were received from Coopersville, Croton, and White Lake. It is helpful that they are different types of libraries, in different counties, and in rural areas with different demographics. The program has already been running at Dorr Township Library, and Elyshia Hoekstra is willing to share resources and experiences but not in a lead role. Heather Wood-Gramza said she will continue with the next phase by reaching out to Youth Services personnel at the Summer Reading Program workshop on November 22, 2019. She will get a list of those interested and follow up with their directors with the information shared today. There may be more libraries interested if they know they have support from Lakeland to organize and implement the program. It will also be good to start with enthusiastic locations so they can serve as mentors to the next group.
 - d) Next Steps/Assignments – Committee members shared what they need to work on before the next meeting. Carol Dawe will follow up with James Nelson with details and to work on a timeline. Heather Wood-Gramza will introduce the idea at the Summer Reading Program workshop to

bring a few more locations on board. Bethany Nettleton will meet with Youth Services on the survey results, and Teresa Kline will reach out to Elyshia Hoekstra to present to the committee at the next meeting about the program they implemented in Dorr.

- 6) **NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, January 22, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. at Lakeland Library Cooperative
- 7) **ADJOURNMENT:** Heather Wood-Gramza moved, supported by Marla Ehlers, to adjourn at 10:04 a.m. - *motion carried.*