

**LAKELAND LIBRARY COOPERATIVE  
BOARD MINUTES – Official  
Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.  
Kent District Library Service Center, Comstock Park, MI**

Present: Diane Kooiker, Mattie Cook, Karen McKinnon, Dale Parus, Kelly Richards, and Shirley Bruursema.

Staff Present: Carol Dawe and Kelly Schroeder

Absent: Peggy Hemerling, Lance Werner, and John McNaughton.

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. by Diane Kooiker. There were 31 additional people in attendance.
- 2) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Shirley Bruursema moved, supported by Kelly Richards, to approve the agenda as presented - *motion carried*.
- 3) **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS:** There were no questions from members.
- 4) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no public comments.
- 5) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Karen McKinnon moved, supported by Mattie Cook, to approve the Board minutes from February 13, 2020 as presented – *motion carried*.
- 6) **FINANCIAL REPORT:**
  - a) February Financials: Kelly Richards moved, supported by Karen McKinnon, to approve the financials as presented - *motion carried*.
  - b) Monthly Check Register: Kelly Richards moved, supported by Shirley Bruursema, to approve the Monthly Check Register as presented - *motion carried*.
- 7) **PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** Diane said this is an interesting time with CoVID-19. She urged everyone to stay current and not panic.
- 8) **DIRECTOR’S REPORT:** Carol Dawe sent out Menu Service Agreements via Adobe. She also sent out the Seattle Public Library’s sample letter. Carol will stay up-to-date with their website and send out pertinent information. Kelly Richards added what he had heard on the radio about the longevity of the virus on paper and cardboard.
- 9) **COUNCIL/COMMITEE REPORTS:**
  - a) Advisory & ILS Councils November 14, 2019 Official Minutes: there were no comments.
- 10) **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
  - a) Cooperative Director’s Defined Benefit Contribution Resolution: Everyone was reminded that this is just the formal paperwork to be approved and signed based on the approval from the past Board meeting. Kelly Richards moved, supported by Mattie Cook, to approve the resolution to be submitted to MERS as previously passed by the Board – *motion carried*.
- 11) **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - a) Fines/Patron Purge Policy Recommendation from Advisory/ILS Councils: Diane said the changes are on page 29, they were passed by the Advisory & ILS Councils at the February meeting, and now the Board votes to adopt this policy. Dale remarked that this was thoroughly reviewed and is ready for the vote. Dale Parus moved, supported by Karen McKinnon, to approve the policy update as approved by Advisory/ILS Councils – *motion carried*.
- 12) **BOARD DEVELOPMENT:** Postponed due to Lance being called to Lansing for the SB611 hearing.
- 13) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
  - a) Diane Kooiker congratulated the library’s whose millages passed on Tuesday. She added that the Dorr Township Library millage was a long fought battle and thanked Elyshia Hoekstra for staying strong.
  - b) There were no other public comments.
- 14) **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

- a) Shirley Bruursema (KDL) said that it took three years, but the Dorr millage passed and “all is good.” Millages may hurt due to COVID-19 as far as meetings and gatherings. August voting may have some hiccups. The millage workshop in Lansing went well. There were 72 people in attendance. The Friends of Michigan Libraries will cancel the workshops at the end of March.
  - b) Karen McKinnon (AL) talked about programs coming up, in particular a maple syrup program with Thornapple Woodlands. There will also be one on mindfulness done by the MSU Extension that will be free. They are on the Michigan Notable Tour and will have Dean Kuipers the author of “Deer Camp” at their library. Moline Christian School kids did a service project at the library and called it Operation Wipe-down.
  - c) Kelly Richards (UM) gave an update on the Grand Opening of Storyville, which is in 3 library locations. There are already about 1700-2000 visitors per month just with the soft launch. There are others in the community who would like to see Storyville in their locations and donors are stepping forward. There will be a need to figure out how to make it work in some branches (space, etc.). Given the struggles MADL faced at their last millage, Kelly was glad to hear of these millages that passed. Kelly believes that if they invest in their libraries, the community will invest as well. The Muskegon Township will be relocating and will need to build up a patron base. The Bookmobile has been delayed due to the company moving – they’ve had huge growth as Bookmobiles are regaining popularity.
  - d) Dale Parus (IC) also attended the workshops on March 3<sup>rd</sup> that Shirley mentioned. There is interest in communities to improve libraries and there was a lot of knowledge shared there.
  - e) Mattie Cook (MG) expressed gratefulness at the Montcalm County and Dorr Township Library millages passing. They will have Pamela Cameron at their library in June. She is a native of Michigan.
  - f) Diane Kooiker (HO) updated on the ground-breaking of the Herrick North Branch.
  - g) Kelly Richards (UM) added that he was asked to run for President of MLA. He will be running against someone he truly admires.
  - h) There were no other comments from board members.
- 15) **NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, April 9, 2020, 9:30 a.m. at Kent District Library Service Center
- 16) **ADJOURNMENT:** Kelly Richards moved, supported by Mattie Cook, to adjourn at 10:02 a.m. - *motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted by,  
Kelly Ann Schroeder