

LAKELAND LIBRARY COOPERATIVE  
ADVISORY COUNCIL  
Thursday, January 12, 2017 Meeting  
*OFFICIAL MINUTES*

**1. Call to Order**

Advisory Council Chair Hope Nobel called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

**2. Public Comment**

Laura Powers reminded everyone of the Regional Makerspace LSTA grant proposal. She will be sending out participation agreements early next week with a very short turnaround. She asked everyone to complete those agreements by the end of next week due to the grant deadlines. She thanks everyone in advance for their prompt response.

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

Motion by Powers, second by VandeVusse to approve the January 12, 2017 Advisory Council agenda. Motion carried.

**4. Approval of the Minutes**

Motion by VandeVusse, second by Engelsman to approve the November 10, 2016 Advisory Council meeting minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Powers did not make the motion to adjourn because she left the meeting early. Laura Ortiz made the motion to adjourn.

**5. Board Report – Teresa Williams Krupar**

Krupar reported on the Board meeting held just before this meeting. The Board approved a resolution for membership for the Fruitport District Library. They discussed the acquisition of a new telephone system for Lakeland. She reported that the Board tabled the proposed changes to the Underfunded Contract Service Area Policy until next month so that there would be additional information from both the Library of Michigan and Carson City Public Library (who had requested the change).

**6. Director's Report - Sandra Wilson**

Wilson reported that staff will begin working on the 2017-2018 Budget next month. The audit report for FY2015-2016 will be presented to the Board at its February meeting. Following that meeting the Board will have a special meeting of the whole to begin looking at a capital improvement plan and making recommendations about the fund balance. The new trucks have been ordered and we hope to have them the first week of March.

**7. Committee Reports**

- A. Continuing Education- No Report
- B. Youth Services - No Report
- C. Personnel – No Report
- D. Finance Committee – No Report

**8. Other Reports If Representative's Present**

**A. MLA Board Representative Report.**

Arnett was unable to attend the meeting due to today's weather.

**B. MLA Legislative Committee Report.**

Parus reported that the Legislature left many things unfinished at the close of the last session. The new legislators have taken office and a new session has opened. We will likely see some of the issues that were left behind reintroduced during this session. Issues that will likely come up in the new session have to do with Tax Tribunal rulings on dark stores and property tax exemptions for nonprofit corporations. He thanked everyone for the great effort everyone put in on the tax capture bills of which 5 of 6 bills were passed and signed by the governor. Only the bill addressing Brownfields was not passed.

Nobel reported that in Lakeview the library was able to trade a piece of vacant property to their local DDA in return for the tax monies owed to the library. This was prior to the passage of the legislation but they proceeded with the trade in good faith. Both Parus and Nobel noted that libraries should continue to work in partnership with their local DDA's. The new legislation gives the library the choice to participate in projects or not. Parus noted that thanks to MLA and Gail Madziar their Executive Director, the Michigan library community was successful in advocating for the passage of this package of bills.

**9. Old Business**

None

**10. New Business**

**A. Proposed Plan of Service Changes**

Motion by Powers, seconded by Engelsman to begin the process for amending the Lakeland Plan of Service. Motion passed.

The Plan of Service will be amended to allow for the election of the Group C representative to the Lakeland Board instead of going alphabetically. Wilson will be sending out the voting forms to the membership following the February Board meeting.

**B. Bylaws Article IV Cooperative Board & Article VI Committees proposed changes**

Motion by Engelsman, seconded by Cook to recommend the proposed bylaws changes to the Board pending the approval of the Plan of Service Amendment. Motion passed.

Bylaws Article IV Board and Article VI Committee revisions will be necessary once the proposal to elect the Group C representative have been approved. Target date for Plan of Service Amendment and Bylaws changes are such that the election for the Group C representative can take place in July along with the election of the A & B representatives.

**C. Nine Year Menu Service Cost Comparison**

Provided in the packet as information. There were no questions.

**D. MLA Library Tax Capture Relief Bills**

Special Advocacy Update of December 15, 2016 from MLA was provided in the packet for

information. There were no questions. Following the meeting a presentation by Anne Seuryncck, Attorney at FosterSwift on the new Tax Capture laws will be given.

11. Member announcements –

Donna Clark introduced Cedar Springs City Manager Mike Womack.

Thanks to Bob VandeVusse for providing today's meeting refreshments.

12. Next Scheduled Meeting: March 9, 2017 following LLC Board meeting at KU.

13. Motion by Walker, seconded by Krupar to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Submitted by,

*Sheryl VanderWagen, ILS Manager*