

**LAKELAND LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
BOARD MINUTES – Official
Thursday, January 13, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.
Kent District Library Service Center**

Present: Dale Parus, Maggie McKeithan, Diane Kooiker, Shirley Bruursema, Peggy Hemerling, John McNaughton, Lance Werner

Staff Present: Carol Dawe and Sheryl VanderWagen

Absent: Karen McKinnon

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Dale Parus. There were 21 additional participants.
 - a) Introduce New Members: Kamey Howe, the new director at the Cedar Springs Public Library
- 2) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Lance Werner moved, supported by Peggy Hemerling, to approve the agenda as presented - *motion carried*.
- 3) **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS:** None
- 4) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None
- 5) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Peggy Hemerling moved, supported by Diane Kooiker, to approve the board minutes from December 9, 2021, as presented – *motion carried*.
- 6) **FINANCIAL REPORT:**
 - a) December Financials and Check Register: Motion by Lance Werner, supported by John McNaughton to approve the December financial report and check register as presented – *motion carried*.
- 7) **PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** Dale Parus noted that there has been a lot of activity in the library world this month. He encouraged everyone to check the new Intellectual Freedom page on the Lakeland website.
- 8) **COOPERATIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:** Carol Dawe reported that there had been 201 survey responses to the ARPA grant in three days. There was a question about some libraries receiving COVID tests from the MDHS. Carol will follow up on this. The Lakeland state aid report was filed on December 15. The deadline for those who have not yet filed is February 1 at midnight. If you need assistance, please contact Carol Dawe or Sheryl VanderWagen. Carol emphasized that libraries could call her at any time on any library issue. The directors@llcoop.org list is also a good place to post issues and questions.
- 9) **COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - a) Advisory Council Official Minutes - November 11, 2021: included in the packet for information
 - b) Membership Ad Hoc Committee Reports – December 21, 2021: Dale Parus gave an oral summary of the meeting. They reviewed a white paper submitted by Lance Werner on the situation with the City of Rockford and three townships in the KDL service area. The committee will meet on Friday, January 14 to continue the discussion.
- 10) **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a) Foster Swift Rate Increase: Motion by Lance Werner, supported by Maggie McKeithan to approve the 2022 rate increase for legal services per notification from Foster Swift – *motion carried*
- 11) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Kerry Fountain (IS-IV) requested that the Ad Hoc Membership committee provide LLC members with talking points surrounding the KDL/Rockford situation. Some LLC members have received inquiries on the issue from members of the public. Heather Wood-Gramza (OZ) gave an update on the Tovertofel (Magic Table) demonstration at Howard Miller Public Library. The company reps came from the Netherlands to assist with the demonstration, and they also had a group of their residents in attendance. There were also some staff members from LLC libraries present. There will be other opportunities to see it in action.

12) BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Maggie McKeithan reported on the Hug-A-Huskey program that was held at Spring Lake District Library.

Lance Werner reported that KDL is in the top 60 libraries in the world for ebook circulation.

Shirley Bruursema reported that KDL will be closed on Monday, January 17, 2022 for their all staff day. She visited all KDL branches in December. She is also working on several millage campaigns for 2022.

13) NEXT MEETING: Thursday, February 10, 2022, 9:30 a.m. at Kent District Library Service Center.

14) ADJOURNMENT: Shirley Bruursema, supported by John McNaughton moved to adjourn at 10:02 a.m. - *motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted by,
Sheryl VanderWagen