

**LAKELAND LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
BOARD MINUTES – Official
Thursday, January 12, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.
At KDL Service Center**

Present: Maggie McKeithan (OS), Karen McKinnon (AL), Dale Parus (IC), Lance Werner (KDL), Carol Dawe (LL), Diane Kooiker (HO), Joe Zappacosta (SM), Ron Suszek (MADL), Shirley Bruursema (KDL)
Staff Present: Amber and Sheryl
Absent: John McNaughton (GRPL)

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Lance.
- 2) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Ron Suszek moved, supported by Karen McKinnon, to approve the agenda as presented - *motion carried*.
- 3) **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS:** There was one question regarding materials that do not meet selection criteria – i.e. the item is not reviewed or available by Ingram or Baker & Taylor. Consensus was generally that members of the public can request items, but authors of local interest can be added. Donations may or may not go directly to the Friends group or the book sale. Policies vary by library.
- 4) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no public comments.
- 5) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Shirley Bruursema moved, supported by Karen McKinnon, to approve the board minutes from November 10, 2022 as presented – *motion carried*.
- 6) **FINANCIAL REPORT:**
 - a) November and December Financials, November and December Monthly Check Registers, and Annual Snapshot: Maggie McKeithan moved, supported by Ron Suszek – *motion carried*.
- 7) **PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** KDL and Cedar Springs are currently discussing a service agreement.
- 8) **DIRECTOR’S REPORT:** Carol attended the Patmos board meeting. The Patmos board has a new board president – for information. Additional information: Lakeland will not be receiving further grant money.
- 9) **COUNCIL/COMMITEE REPORTS:** *none*
- 10) **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a) The board will be seeking an Attorney General opinion regarding Intellectual Freedom. This is to address what responsibilities the cooperative has to a library that is actively disregarding Intellectual Freedom and to determine what the responsibility the cooperative has to the libraries that are censoring and to the libraries who are upholding Intellectual Freedom. This opinion will focus on Book Banning and Censorship specifically.
 - i) Diane Kooiker moved, supported by Dale Parus, to move forward in seeking this Attorney General opinion.
 - b) Strategic Planning Update – the plan will be presented to the board in February.
- 11) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
 - a) Matt Lubbers-Moore passed along appreciation to Carol about comments at Patmos Board.
 - b) Lance Werner noted his appreciation for people speaking their minds at the meetings
- 12) **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**
 - a) Maggie McKeithan – comment about conservative Ottawa County commissioner changes
 - b) Karen McKinnon – Kids winter reading program 90 participants
 - c) Dale Parus – business as usual, adult winter reading
 - d) Shirley Bruursema - Asked if anyone had a fiscal year that ends June 30, two new KDL board members
 - e) Ron Suszek – MADL is working on their Strategic Plan and rebranding
 - f) Diane Kooiker – Working with architects on main library renovation
 - g) Joe Zappacosta – Irene Miller is coming to Muskegon High School Jan 26
 - h) Lance Werner – Looking forward to working with Cedar Springs, working on eSports initiative, Temi Robots, and also noted that First Amendment Auditors are out and about

- 13) **NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, February 9, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. at Kent District Library Service Center.
- 14) **ADJOURNMENT:** Dale Parus moved, supported by Diane Kooiker, to adjourn at 10:10 a.m. - *motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted by,
Amber McLain