

**LAKELAND LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES – Official
Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.
At the KDL Service Center**

Council Members Present: Mary Cook (OC), Kelly Tinkham (NN), Elyshia Hoekstra (OC)
Lakeland Staff Present: Carol Dawe, Sheryl VanderWagen, Amber McLain

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 10:36 by Mary Cook.
- 2) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Merri Jo Tuinstra moved, supported by Cierra Bakovka to approve the agenda as presented - *motion carried*.
- 3) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
 - a) Teresa Kline shared that one of Fennville's trustees was appointed to LSTA advisory council.
 - b) Amber McLain encouraged directors to encourage all youth services staff to apply for eclipse glasses from STAR Net – the link is in the newsletter. [And here:
<http://www.starnetlibraries.org/about/our-projects/solar-eclipse-activities-libraries-seal/>]
- 4) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Merri Jo Tuinstra moved, supported by Cierra Bakovka, to approve the Advisory Council minutes from February 9, 2023, as presented – *motion carried*.
- 5) **BOARD REPORT:** None.
- 6) **ILS MANAGER'S REPORT:** Sheryl shared that MeLCat renewals are affected by a bug in Bibliocore but an update is coming early April. Additionally, there was a hold issue on items with volumes in Bibliocommons, but it is slated to be fixed with a Mid-March update.
- 7) **MEMBER SERVICE MANAGER'S REPORT:** Amber shared that Patron Point reports are delayed and noted the ability to send form submissions directly to email.
- 8) **COOPERATIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Carol showcased the new newsletter and snapshot and discussed website rebranding. Carol also encouraged feedback regarding the website and what members would like to see changed or added as we go about this process – please reach out to Amber with comments.
- 9) **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - a) Continuing Ed – Minutes included for information.
- 10) **OTHER REPORTS:**
 - a) **MLA** – Shirley Bruursema shared that there are many initiatives currently in place and committee hearings are going well. Dale Parus shared that the committee is working on both Fiscal and Nonfiscal. HB4149 and HB4150 are the main gun bills. The legislature has doubled down on having open carry and concealed carry restricted, especially in government buildings. The question is whether libraries would be government buildings covered under that. Lance brought up a bill protecting school library workers from harassment and encouraged the MLA committee to push for public library workers to be protected as well.
- 11) **ONGOING ANF NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a) Group purchase Updates – Comics Plus deadline is coming up, CoverOne purchase is complete. We will attempt to keep group purchases consistent annually.
 - b) Collection Development Update – The board has moved forward with a committee regarding standards for collection and create a strong foundation and for the organization as a whole. It was also pointed out that this would not include Lakeland telling individual libraries what their collection should or should not include.
 - c) Intellectual Freedom Sharing
 - i) Kamey Howe shared that a resident shared that KDL wouldn't remove books and that was a reason that Cedar Springs should not join KDL. She also pointed out that nonresidents were showing up to meetings to attempt to sway the boards.
 - ii) Sheryl VanderWagen discussed that organizations are coordinating efforts to attack libraries.
 - iii) Cierra Bakovka shared that organizations are funding candidates to get on boards.

iv) Teresa Kline also pointed out that it's going on outside of our sphere as well, on school boards in particular.

12) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- a) Peggy Hemeriling shared that Hastings put an RFP out for their window project. Hastings also shared that Hoopla cost discussions led to a generous patron donation.
- b) Kerry Fountain shared that Clarksville had a generous patron donation from a person who went there as a child – the money was used to renovate the bathrooms, and that project just wrapped up.
- c) Cierra Bakovka shared that Henika received a generous donation this past December.
- d) Teresa Kline shared that Fennville is working with an art crew to create a sculpture that will be at the library, and it will be dedicated to the migrant workers of the area.

13) **NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, April 13, 2023, following the 9:30 a.m. Board Meeting at Kent District Library Service Center

14) **ADJOURNMENT:** **Matt Lubbers-Moore** moved, supported by Virginia DeMumbrum, to adjourn at 11:18 - *motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted by,
Amber McLain