

LAKELAND LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
BOARD MINUTES – Official
Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.
Kent District Library Service Center

Present: Karen McKinnon (AL), Dale Parus (IC), Lance Werner (KDL), Carol Dawe (LL), Joe Zappacosta (SM), Ron Suszek (MADL), Shirley Bruursema (KDL), John McNaughton (GRPL), Maggie McKeithan (OS)

Lakeland Staff Present: Sheryl VanderWagen, Amber McLain

Absent: Diane Kooiker (HO)

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 9:32 AM by Lance Werner.
- 2) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** John McNaughton moved, supported by Karen McKinnon 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:** Ron Suszek moved, supported by John McNaughton, to approve the board minutes from the February 9, 2023 meeting - *motion carried*.
- 6) **FINANCIAL REPORT:**
 - a) February Financials and Check Register: John McNaughton moved, supported by Maggie McKeithan, to approve the February Financials as presented - *motion carried*.
- 7) **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
 - a) Lance had nothing to report at this time.
- 8) **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
 - a) Carol noted that the audit will be delayed until the April 2023 Board meeting.
 - b) Carol also proposed the idea of getting a bus to get members to the ALA conference in June 2023.
 - c) Carol also discussed the ILS manager replacement plan.
- 9) **COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - a) Advisory – For information
- 10) **ONGOING AND NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a) Audit – to come at the April meeting.
 - b) Patmos Library Update – Carol is attempting to assist the board and guide the new president in how boards function legally.
 - c) Kamey Howe spoke about the current state of the Cedar Springs library – regarding the library contract areas in Solon Township, Algoma Township, Cedar's board, its trustees, board practices, quorums, etc.
 - d) Lance Werner spoke about the situation with Cedar Springs possibly joining KDL. He also spoke about Algoma Township having a question on the ballot to leave KDL without a plan of service.
 - e) Teresa Kline spoke about a volunteer-run library in Fennville claiming to be a branch of FDL without a contract with them or any contract service areas.
 - f) Committees and Assignments
 - i) New roles on committees were assigned to allow for knowledge sharing and succession planning.
 - ii) Standards Committee – it is advised that the board create a committee to create a set of standards to ensure that Lakeland has core standards for membership.
- 11) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
 - a) Jackilyn Roseberry did a presentation at the Fremont Rotary Club about intellectual freedom and will be doing the presentation for another club as well.
 - b) Jessica Hunt shared that Grant had a surge of reconsideration for a young adult sex education book.

- c) Kamey Howe asked whether anyone had considered getting legal counsel for themselves.
- d) Ingrid Boyer shared that she sat in on an Ottawa County school librarian meeting and expressed that school librarians and media specialists are facing very contentious times.
- e) Cierra Bakovka shared that Henika has a current challenge for the Bible.
- f) Lance Werner shared that KDL had a reconsideration this morning.
- g) Peggy Hemerling shared that Hastings is having an issue with books being taken from their shelves.

12) BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

- a) John McNaughton is tired.
- b) Leighton received a grant to support their after-school programs.
- c) Ron shared news about a program MADL, Hackley, and White Lake are hosting to demonstrate Family Place programming and certification through the 1,2,3 Play with Me program.
- d) Maggie shared that OS is planning a renovation and is currently fundraising.
- e) Shirely shared that Advocacy Day on April 25 still has 20 seats open. Shirley also shared information about Trustee webinar training in March.
- f) Joe Zappacosta shared more about the Family Place programming – it began in 2019 with an LSTA grant and involves a parenting book collection and a 5-week training process with a variety of early childhood professionals.
- g) KDL is currently working to fundraise to expand the Krause Memorial library.

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

14) ADJOURNMENT: Dale Parus moved, supported by Maggie McKeithan, to adjourn at 10:26 AM - *motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted by,
Amber McLain