

**LAKELAND LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
BOARD MINUTES – Official
Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.
Kent District Library Service Center**

Present: Maggie McKeithan (OS), Diane Kooiker (HO), Ron Suszek (MADL), Dale Parus (IC), Carol Dawe (LL), Joe Zappacosta (SM), Karen McKinnon (AL), Shirley Bruursema (KDL)
Lakeland Staff Present: Amber McLain, Janet Cornell
Absent: Lance Werner (KDL)

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM by Dale Parus.
- 2) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Shirley Bruursema, moved, supported by Diane Kooiker, 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 March 9, 2023– *motion carried*.
- 6) **AUDIT REPORT:** Matt Holland from Gabridge & Co. presented the findings of the annual audit. Lakeland passed with flying colors thanks to the hard work of Janet Cornell. The PowerPoint presentation is posted under Documentation on the Lakeland site.
- 7) **FINANCIAL REPORT:**
 - a) March Financials and Check Register: John McNaughton moved, supported by Maggie McKeithan, to approve the March Financials as presented - *motion carried*.
- 8) **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
 - a) Lance Werner was absent this month, there was no President's report.
- 9) **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
 - a) Carol discussed the ALA bus initiative by Lakeland and encouraged members to register if they are interested.
 - b) Carol spoke about the MCDA working on Diversity initiatives regarding selection policies – these would be helpful for trustees, so it may behoove us to have a trustee event.
 - c) Carol spoke about the Patmos situation and their current policies.
- 10) **COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - a) Advisory council minutes included for information.
- 11) **ONGOING & NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a) *Strategic Plan Quarterly Update* – Carol introduced a goals document created for the strategic plan. Some points discussed: rebranding, communication, training, ILS initiatives. Document included for information.
- 12) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
 - a) There were no public comments.
- 13) **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**
 - a) John McNaughton – GRPL has been working on a social media policy regarding how to handle inflammatory comments on social media. GRPL is also seeking to pursue a human rights policy.
 - b) Maggie McKeithan – Spring Lake is getting ready for renovation and cleaning out supplies.
 - c) Diane Kooiker - Herrick Main Branch is also getting ready for renovation, beginning at the end of June and lasting about a year.
 - d) Run Suszek – Mary Johnson is up for MLA appointment.
 - e) Shirley Bruursema – Library of Michigan will be hosting Trustee workshops on May 9 and May 16 from 1-3 PM.
 - f) Karen McKinnon – Karen mentioned that Leighton got a shoutout from Fox 17 for their programs – birds, trees, dragonflies, butterflies, and more!
 - g) Joe Zappacosta – Hackley created a teen space in their library.

- 14) **NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, **May 4**, at 9:30 AM at Kent District Library Service Center.
- 15) **ADJOURNMENT:** John McNaughton moved, supported by Ron Suszek to adjourn at 10:03 AM - *motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted by,
Amber McLain