

LAKELAND LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES – Official
Thursday, September 9, 2021, following the Board meeting
Kent District Library Service Center

Council Members Present: Kerry Fountain, Britney Dillon, and Heather Wood-Gramza
Staff Present: Carol Dawe, Sheryl VanderWagen

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Kerry Fountain (IS). There were 20 additional participants.
- 2) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Elyshia Hoekstra (OC) moved, supported by Jennifer Salgat (IL), to approve the agenda as presented - *motion carried*.
- 3) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No public comment.
- 4) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - a) Jessica Hunt (NG) moved, supported by Kelly Tinkham (NN), to approve the regular Advisory Council minutes from July 8, 2021, as presented – *motion carried*.
 - b) Motion by Kelly Tinkham (NN), supported by Mary Cook (OA) to approve the minutes of the special Advisory council meeting on July 8, 2021 – *motion carried*.
- 5) **BOARD REPORT:** No report
- 6) **ILS MANAGER'S REPORT:** There were no additions to the written report and no further questions.
- 7) **COOPERATIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** There were no additions to the written report and no further questions.
- 8) **OTHER REPORTS:**
 - a) Continuing Ed Draft Committee Minutes (July and August 2021) – presented for information
 - b) Circ Forum Draft Minutes (August 25, 2021) – presented for information
 - c) MLA Board Representative Report – No report
 - d) MLA Legislative Committee Report – The committee has a scheduled meeting next week so there was nothing to report.
- 9) **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a) Election of Slate of Advisory Council Officers – Heather Wood-Gramza (OZ) reported for the Nominating Committee. The committee presented the following slate of nominees: Chair, Britney Dillon (IB); Vice-Chair, Mary Cook (OA); Secretary, Elyshia Hoekstra (OC)
Motion by Ingrid Boyer (AS), supported by Amber McLain (OJ) to approve the proposed slate of officers for the Advisory Council for FY 2021-2022 – *motion carried*.
 - b) Caucus/Election of LLC Board members – Groups A, B, and C met in caucuses to discuss their Board member representatives. Afterwards, all three groups reaffirmed the current Board members to continue for another term. Group A: Karen McKinnon (AL); Group B: Peggy Hemerling (BH); Group C: Dale Parus (IC). Motion by Britney Dillon, supported by Heather Wood-Gramza to approve these representatives for another term – *motion carried*
 - c) Advisory Council Meeting Dates – This was tabled until the October meeting.
 - d) Information Sharing COVID-19 Update: Spring Lake District Library requires staff to wear masks but they are not requiring this of the public. One library reported issues of members of the public harassing staff for wearing masks. Henika District Library made buttons which patrons can put on when they come into the library that indicate a patron's COVID comfort level, green, red, or yellow. Patrons turn in the buttons when they leave, and they are sanitized for the next patron. Some libraries are having issues between staff members. Carol noted that it was important for library directors to set boundaries and then it can become a disciplinary issue if those boundaries are exceeded. Howard Miller Library is doing outdoor programming while the weather remains mild. The staff and families have enjoyed the outdoor setting.
- 10) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Kelly Tinkham reported that the Newaygo Area District Library also received a Hope grant. Maggie McKeithan reported that the Spring Lake Friends of the Library received a Hope

grant which will benefit the library. For Library Card Sign Up Month, patrons may show their library cards to 40 businesses in Spring Lake and receive discounts or special offers. Heather WoodGramza reminded everyone about the upcoming De-Escalation training offered by the Continuing Education committee. The first session is the presentation, and the second session is a Q&A followup session. MLA is offering a program called Think Space in December. The theme is diversity, equity, and inclusion. The in-person program is in December in Grand Rapids, with a virtual check-in in February, concluded by a May in-person session at Boyne Mountain. There is a cost for the program, but potential participants are encouraged to apply for an MLA Scholarship or a stipend from the Library of Michigan if the cost of the program is an issue.

- 11) **NEXT MEETING:** October 14, 2021, following the Board meeting at the Kent District Library Service Center.
- 12) **ADJOURNMENT:** Amber McLain (OJ), supported by Jessica Hunt (NG) moved to adjourn at 10:38 a.m. - *motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted by,
Sheryl VanderWagen