

**LAKELAND LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES – Official
Thursday, July 13, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.
At the KDL Service Center**

Council Members Present: Mary Cook (OA), Kelly Tinkham (NN), Elyshia Hoekstra (OC), Carol Dawe (LL)

Lakeland Staff Present: Amber McLain, Sheryl VanderWagen

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 10:11 by Mary Cook.
- 2) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Karen McKinnon moved, supported by Cierra Bakovka to approve the agenda as presented - *motion carried*.
- 3) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
 - a) None
- 4) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mary Johnson moved, supported by Jessica Hunt, to approve the Advisory Council minutes from June, 2023, as presented – *motion carried*.
- 5) **COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT:** None.
- 6) **BOARD REPORT:** None.
- 7) **ILS MANAGER’S REPORT:** See written report.
- 8) **MEMBER SERVICE MANAGER’S:** Amber spoke about Patron Point’s auto-renew process and reported that she will be hosting FAQ sessions soon regarding it so the libraries can get a better picture of what the process, timeline, costs, and savings are. She also shared that June was the biggest month for Patron Point so far, with over 600 applications.
- 9) **COOPERATIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:** Carol spoke about vacant board spots. There will also be an OverDrive committee meeting soon.
- 10) **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - a) Continuing Ed – For informational purposes.
- 11) **OTHER REPORTS:**
 - a) **MLA** – July is MLA’s fiscal year, so appointees and committees will change. The budget was passed with no increase or decrease to libraries. Dale Parus emphasized how important it is to connect to constituents and legislators alike.
- 12) **ONGOING AND NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a) ALA Conference sharing
 - i) Cierra Bakovka shared that her favorite session was about mistakes that often made when renovating or expanding. She also mentioned stress management for library management.
 - ii) Maggie McKeithan shared information about senior programming in the arts.
 - iii) Stef Reed shared there was a panel on biophilic design in libraries. They also shared a session regarding bookmobiles and outreach.
 - iv) Elyshia Hoekstra shared that she enjoyed sessions on sustainability, land acknowledgements, burnout, and using VR in the library.
 - v) Teresa Kline thanked Carol for setting up the bus trip down to Chicago.
 - b) Intellectual Freedom:
 - i) Stef Reed shared that a patron had an issue with rainbows.
 - ii) Virginia DeMumbrum shared that Moms for Liberty showed up at their library board meeting, and had 12 people show up to support the library.
- 13) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
 - a) Jen Salgat asked about floating or substitute staff.
 - b) Peggy Hemerling shared that Hastings is fully funded for their HVAC system and window replacement project.
 - c) Maggie McKeithan shared that they need quotes for sound systems for their project room at Spring Lake.
 - d) Mary Johnson shared that she is proud of the staff at MADL for proposing excellent topics for MLA

- e) Carol Dawe spoke more about our Back To Basics program coming up on November 14.
 - f) Shirely Bruursema asked about the Freedom to Read resolution by the Board of Education.
 - g) Jen Salgat asked whether we were trending towards digital only cards – a conversation ensued regarding whether digital cards are overtaking their physical codes.
- 14) **NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, July 13, 2023, following the 9:30 a.m. Board Meeting at Kent District Library Service Center
- 15) **ADJOURNMENT:** Cierra Bakovka moved, supported by Jen Salgat, to adjourn at 10:51 - *motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted by,
Amber McLain