

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

Present: Dale Parus (IC), Karen McKinnon (AL), Lance Werner (KDL), Diane Kooiker (HO), Maggie McKeithan (OS), Carol Dawe (LL), Ron Suszek (MADL), Shirley Brursema (KDL) Joe Zapacosta (SM)

Lakeland Staff Present: Sheryl VanderWagen, Amber McLain

Absent: John McNaughton (GRPL)

**1) CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order by Lance Werner at 9:30 AM.**

**2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Ron Suszek 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:** Karen McKinnon moved, supported by Diane Kooiker to approve the board minutes from June– *motion carried.*

**6) FINANCIAL REPORT:**

a) **June** Financials and Check Register: Ron Suszek moved, supported by Maggie McKeithan, to approve the **June** Financials as presented - *motion carried.*

**7) PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

a) Lance spoke about the Beyond Book Bans presentation.

**8) DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

a) Carol spoke about the Financial committee meeting soon regarding the budget.

b) Carol also spoke about the reception for Sheryl VanderWagen next month.

c) Lakeland is going to host a reader’s advisory event on November 14.

**9) COUNCIL/COMMITEE REPORTS**

a) Advisory Official minutes included for informational purposes.

**10) NEW BUSINESS:**

a) Cedar Springs Update: The city of Cedar Springs has asked Solon township to pass a millage and they are currently in discussions.

b) Patmos Update: Their board is at an impasse.

c) Strategic Plan Update: Carol spoke about updates and Lakeland’s new ILS Manager hire.

**11) PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

a) None

**12) BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

a) Shirley – There was a social service in the library on June 21 – Herrick was involved with the program.

b) Maggie – Spring Lake is getting ready to send out requests for bids out for their renovation

c) Diane – Herrick is also plugging away at their renovations.

d) Dale – Ionia was approached by the county clerk regarding using their empty bank building as an early voting center which will assist with revenue as they fundraise.

e) Karen - Leighton is busy with summer reading.

f) Ron – Ron spoke with a group of retired educators and was refreshed by the support for libraries.

g) Joe – Hackley is also starting a building project.

h) Lance – Lance pointed out that next year is the presidential election and the contentious cultural climate will continue.

i) Carol – Carol also encouraged everyone to look at their FOIA policies and procedures.

**13) NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, **August 10** at 9:30 a.m. at Kent District Library Service Center.

**14) ADJOURNMENT: Shirley Bruuresema** moved, supported by Karen McKinnon to adjourn at **10:01 AM** - *motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted by,  
Amber McLain