

**LAKELAND LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
BOARD MINUTES – Official
Thursday, August 10, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.
Kent District Library Service Center**

Present: Lance Werner (KDL), Dale Parus (IC), Karen McKinnon (AL), Diane Kooiker (HO), Maggie McKeithan (OS), Ron Suszek (MADL), Shirley Bruursema (KDL) Joe Zapacosta (SM), John McNaughton (GRPL)

Lakeland Staff Present: Carol Dawe, Sheryl VanderWagen, Amber McLain

Absent: None

1) CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at Lance Werner at 9:33 AM.

2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ron Suszek moved, supported by Shirley Bruursema to approve the agenda with the addition of a motion on 10b (Patmos Update)- *motion carried.*

3) QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS: There were no questions from members.

4) PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

5) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Diane Kooiker moved, supported by Maggie McKeithan to approve the board minutes from July with amendments – *motion carried.*

6) FINANCIAL REPORT:

a) **July Financials and Check Register:** Maggie McKeithan moved, supported by Joe Zappacosta, to approve the July Financials as presented - *motion carried.*

7) PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a) Lance Werner had nothing to report.

8) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- a) Carol spoke about Digipalooza – Nicki from Lakeland is attending.
- b) The budget is being voted on at the advisory meeting following this meeting.
- c) The Lakeland managers are meeting with Sheryl to discuss onboarding her replacement.
- d) Carol will be heading to Albion for the MCDA retreat.
- e) Carol also spoke about some misinformation floating around.
- f) Dale Parus asked about the availability of student cards as librarians go into schools – Amber and Carol are nudging them.

9) COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Advisory Official minutes included for informational purposes.

10) NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Correspondence from Georgetown – Requesting a seat: the bylaws and plan of service would need to be changed, and a discussion will be prepared for next month. A discussion of representation of smaller libraries, rather than libraries by population ensued.
- b) Patmos Update – Notice of separation if their millage does not pass. We must give them six month notice. They are currently going for a three year millage in November of 2023. John McNaughton moved, supported by Ron Suszek, to furnish a letter of separation to Patmos should they not meet their millage obligations for membership to Lakeland.

11) PUBLIC COMMENTS:

a) None

12) BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

- a) John McNaughton – GRPL is going audits on their buildings to see if they are serviceable for their staff and patrons.
- b) Dale Parus – Ionia Library has been approached to be a part of the 150th anniversary of the city of Ionia.
- c) Diane Kooiker – Herrick has worked with a few advocacy groups that are anti-book banning.
- d) Ron Suszek – The MADL Library for the Visually Impaired was recognized as the library of the year by the National Library for the visually impaired.

- e) Maggie McKeithan – Spring Lake is plugging along on renovations.
 - f) Shirley Bruursema – KDL is going for a millage in November. They are cutting their millage, which is unusual in Michigan. KDL's summer reading has also gone very well.
 - g) Joe Zappacosta – Hackley is continuing to work on their annex building. Joe also thanked Carol for her time at Lakeland.
 - h) Karen McKinnon – Leighton had a "Touch a Truck" program with attendance between 500 and 600. She also passed along staff appreciation for Sheryl.
 - i) Lance Werner – Lance also thanked and passed along appreciation for Sheryl. Her also spoke about the KDL millage, and how KDL adjusted their meeting configuration to deal with book banning comments.
- 13) NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, **September 14** at 9:30 a.m. at Kent District Library Service Center.
- 14) ADJOURNMENT:** John McNaughton moved, supported by Karen McKinnon to adjourn at **10:08 AM** - *motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted by,
Amber McLain