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

2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ron Suszek moved, supported by Meggie McKeithan, 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: Maggie McKeithan moved, supported by John McNaughton, to approve the board minutes from October 12, 2022 with one correction– motion carried.

6) FINANCIAL REPORT:
   a) October Financials and Check Register: John McNaughton moved, supported by Shirley Bruursema, to approve the October Financials as presented - motion carried.

7) PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Lance Werner made a statement in regard to the situation at Patmos library – Lakeland is waiting for direction from their board before releasing a statement. Lance also congratulated/consoled libraries based on their millage results.

8) DIRECTOR’S REPORT: In addition to the written report provided in the meeting packet, Carol Dawe pointed out that the MCDA is preparing to host a program on misinformation with a speaker from the University of Michigan. Carol also reiterated that Sheryl VanderWagen is retiring next year (please see ILS manager report for more information) and urged members to complete large-scale ILS projects before June. Carol also issued a reminder that Nonresident Cards are a library-by-library decision.

9) COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS
   a) Advisory council minutes for September 8, 2022 are included in the meeting packet for informational purposes.

10) NEW BUSINESS:
    a) Millages: Shirley Bruursema won 3 of 3 millages.
    b) Strategic Planning Update: There will be a meeting on November 14, 2022 to look at the plan and consider next steps.
    c) Intellectual Freedom: From Lance Werner – The book-banning movement has escalated recently largely because it was used to energize a voting block for the November election. Lance contends that we may see a decrease as it has been proven to be an unfruitful political agenda; Lance also suggests role-playing on all levels of staff and officials; Lance also urges people to remember mental health in all of this; From Carol Dawe – the closing keynote speaker at MLA demonstrated how many people have dealt with intellectual freedom challenges.

11) PUBLIC COMMENTS:
    a) Merri Jo Tuinstra shared that she is so thankful for Sheryl VanderWagen and everything she does for Lakeland.

12) BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:
    a) Joe Zappacosta shared that he is very excited to be on the board. He has been at Hackley for 4 years and looks forward to learning from this new role.
    b) Dale Parus shared that Ionia lost its millage once again.
    c) Shirley Bruursema gave her condolences to those who lost millages.
    d) Maggie McKeithan shared that OS is kicking off a capital campaign to fundraise for updating facilities.
e) Ron Suszek shared that MADL installed a tovertofel.

13) John McNaughton considering going out and doing more engagement with nontraditional areas of the population.

14) Lance Werner shared that he has been doing training regarding book banning and intellectual freedom via Zoom and is willing to provide that to Lakeland Libraries as well.

15) **NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, December 8, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. at Kent District Library Service Center.

16) **ADJOURNMENT:** John McNaughton moved, supported by Dale Parus, to adjourn at 9:55 a.m. - *motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted by,

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