

**LAKELAND LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
BOARD MINUTES – Official
Thursday, August 11, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.
Kent District Library Service Center**

Present: Dale Parus, Maggie McKeithan, John McNaughton, Diane Kooiker, Shirley Bruursema, Peggy Hemerling, Ron Suszek, Lance Werner

Absent: Karen McKinnon

Staff Present: Carol Dawe, Sheryl VanderWagen, Amber McLain

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Dale Parus. There were 22 additional participants.
- 2) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Lance Werner moved, supported by John McNaughton, to approve the agenda as presented - *motion carried*.
- 3) **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS:** None
- 4) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None
- 5) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Shirley Bruursema moved, supported by Ron Suszek, to approve the board minutes from July 14, 2022, as presented – *motion carried*.
- 6) **FINANCIAL REPORT:**
 - a) July Financials and Check Register: Motion by Peggy Hemerling, supported by Maggie McKeithan to approve the July financial report and check register as presented – *motion carried*.
- 7) **PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** None
- 8) **COOPERATIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:** Carol Dawe pointed out her written report. There were no additional questions.
- 9) **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - a) Advisory Council Official Minutes – June 9, 2022, included in the packet for information
 - b) Finance Committee Official Minutes – April 4, 2022, included in the packet for information
 - c) Finance Committee Unofficial Minutes – July 28, 2022, included in the packet for information
- 10) **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a) Patmos Library update and discussion – Carol summarized the proceedings of the meeting at Patmos Library on Monday, August 8, 2022. There were many people in attendance who spoke on both sides of the issue. Shirley spoke along with Debbie Mikula from MLA, employees and former employees, and residents. Carol noted that there are two GoFundMe accounts set up for the library by residents, one of them has over \$90,000 the other is a smaller fund. The Patmos library board voted unanimously to place a new millage request on the November ballot.
 - b) Plan of Service Draft Discussion – The Board reviewed the draft of the proposed revised Plan of Service. Dale noted that the Plan itself is about 10 pages long with the rest of the content being appendices containing laws and other pertinent information. Carol stated that upon completion and approval of this document, Lakeland will begin a review of policies to bring those in compliance. The Bylaws are not yet complete but will be presented with this document at the September meeting. There was a request to clarify the term “open door policy” in the last bullet point in Article III, Section 1.
 - c) Approval 2022-2023 Meeting Dates – Lance Werner moved, supported by Peggy Hemerling to approve the meeting dates for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 as presented – *motion carried*.
- 11) **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
- 12) **BOARD MEMBER COMMENT:**

- a) Peggy Hemerling reported on the window replacement fundraising at the Hastings Public Library. A recent fundraiser that offered art created by local artists from old windows raised \$36,000 through silent and live auctions, sponsorships, and ticket sales.
 - b) Ron Suszek reported that Muskegon Area District Library will open the new Laketon Township Branch located in the administration building of the Reeths Puffer Public Schools on Wednesday, August 17, 2022. The library will begin by opening two days a week, but he anticipates that hours will be added as demand for services grows.
 - c) John McNaughton reported that the Grand Rapids Public Library is expanding the number of hold lockers to new locations in the city. GRPL is undergoing a technology audit. They have also contracted with Life Labs Learning for training for middle and upper management staff. They have been very pleased with this training so far.
 - d) Maggie McKeithan reported that Spring Lake District Library had 60 people turn out for a D&D program with enough interest in pursuing additional programs divided by age group.
 - e) Shirley Bruursema noted that Kent District Library has a new branch manager at the Kentwood/Gains Township branches. She also reported that 7 of 8 millages that she worked on passed in the August election. She has more on the docket for the November election.
- 13) **NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, September 8, 2022, 9:30 a.m. at Kent District Library Service Center.
- 14) **ADJOURNMENT:** Lance Werner moved, supported by John McNaughton to adjourn at 10:00 a.m.
– *motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted by,
Sheryl VanderWagen