

**LAKELAND LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES – Official
Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.
At the KDL Service Center**

Council Members Present: Mary Cook, Elyshia Hoekstra, Stef Reed
Lakeland Staff Present: Amber McLain, Carol Dawe

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 9:55 by Mary Cook.
- 2) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Peggy Hemerling moved, supported by Merri Jo Tuinstra to approve the agenda as presented - *motion carried*.
- 3) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
 - a) None
- 4) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Cierra Bakovka moved, supported by Jeffrey Babbit, to approve the Advisory Council minutes from July 11, 2024, with the change of “Axe MI Tax” in number 11 – *motion carried*.
- 5) **COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORTS:** Mary noted that elections for Board officer seats for Class 4 and 5 libraries are upcoming, and officer seats for Advisory are coming up to vote as well. Carol also shared that we need people for the Continuing Education, Adult Services, and Youth Services committees.
- 6) **BOARD REPORT:** None.
- 7) **REPORTS:**
 - a) **ILS MANAGER’S REPORT:** See written report.
 - b) **MEMBER SERVICE MANAGER’S REPORT:** In addition to the written report, Amber shared that Ill and BiblioCommons are currently working on fixing the self-checkout issue with the app. She also shared that she will be sending purchase suggestions from the LLC parent catalog to directors the first Friday of each month. She asked each library to check their directory page to make sure it is up to date.
 - c) **COOPERATIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:** Carol shared that MADL is going to become a cataloging center. We are also looking into acquisitions technology with Ill and Baker and Taylor. Carol also discussed the process of budgeting and the Library Cooperatives of Michigan retreat, which will be in Muskegon at Hackley.
- 8) **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - a) Adult Services Committee unofficial minutes included for information.
- 9) **OTHER REPORTS:**
 - a) **MLA:** Project 2025 has been added to MLA’s watch list. Project 2025 suggests that librarians should be listed as “sex offenders” for providing materials that some may find objectionable. Obviously, this is harmful and problematic for a multitude of reasons.
- 10) **ONGOING AND NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a) **Budget 2024-2025** – Ellen Peters moved, supported by Dale Parus, to approve the proposed budget for FY 2025-2026 – *motion carried*.
 - b) Summer Reading Sharing Session
 - i) Cierra Bakovka shared that Henika had a huge participation jump this year. They also gave out lanyards in the welcome packs to encourage library card sign-up.
 - ii) Stef Reed shared that the foam party at Flat River was a hit. Peggy Hemerling, Dale Parus, Cierra Bakovka, Jen Salgat, and more also chimed in with their experiences.
 - iii) Abby Black shared that Allendale started a maternal support group that is thriving. Abby also offered to train others to run the program. Peggy Hemerling also suggested reaching out to your Health Department to see if they have resources to support a support group.
- 11) **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
 - a) Jen Salgat asked if there was a way in Sierra to auto-close **a Patron Record** after a certain amount of time.

- b) Mary Cook shared that Hudsonville's youth librarian – Katie Kirk – will be presenting at MLA regarding serving tweens.
 - c) Stef Reed shared that every educational millage in **Montcalm** was voted down. Stef also recorded a podcast with Amanda Jones.
- 12) **NEXT MEETING:** Thursday September 12, following the 9:30 a.m. Board Meeting at Kent District Library Service Center.
- 13) **ADJOURNMENT:** Cierra Bakovka moved to adjourn at 10:31 - *motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted by,
Amber McLain