

**LAKELAND LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
BOARD MINUTES – Unofficial
Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.
Kent District Library Service Center**

Present: Maggie McKeithan (OS), Ron Suszek (MADL), Dale Parus (IC), Jessica Hunt (NG), John McNaughton (GRPL), Lance Werner (KDL), Carol Dawe (LLC), Rob Bristow (OG), Abby Black (OA),
Lakeland Staff Present: Amber McLain
Absent: Diane Kooiker (HO)

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 9:30 by John McNaughton.
- 2) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Ron Suszek moved, supported by Abby Black, to approve the agenda as presented - *motion carried.*
- 3) **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS:** There were no questions from members.
- 4) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
 - a) Peggy Hemerling announced that she will be retiring at the end of the year and that Hastings' current assistant director, David Edelman, will take over as director.
- 5) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Rob Bristow moved, supported by Maggie McKeithan, to approve the board minutes from October 10, 2024, *motion carried.*
- 6) **FINANCIAL REPORT:**
 - a) September and October 2024 Financials and Check Register: Maggie McKeithan moved, supported by Dale Parus, to approve the September and October 2024 Financials as presented - *motion carried.*
- 7) **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
 - a) Nothing to report.
- 8) **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
 - a) Carol reported that at about this time next year, TLN will host three programs on the 50th anniversary of the Edmund Fitzgerald:
 - i) The first program will be virtual, and statewide. It will take place on Thursday, November 6, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
 - ii) The second, an in-person program, will be held Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Dearborn Public Library.
 - iii) A third, also in-person program, is in the final planning stages. It will be held at an Upper Peninsula venue, exact date, location, and time to be announced when finalized.
 - b) Carol also shared that the library cooperatives are hosting a program with Trenton Smiley for a chance at a "marketing makeover" – this will be based on an application process and she will send more information out as it becomes available.
 - c) Carol discussed the MLA nominating committee.
 - d) Carol discussed the planning processes for the exploration of a new ILS.
- 9) **COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - a) Included for information.
- 10) **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a) *Committee Assignments* – The personnel, finance, and standards committees have been appointed.
 - b) *Quarterly Meeting Slides and Year in Review* – included for information.
 - c) *Board Member Oath* – Board members who did not take the oath previously took the oath.
- 11) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
 - a) Carol announced that there will be cake between meetings for Peggy Hemerling's retirement. Carol also gave
- 12) **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**
 - a) Lance Werner cheered on the Lions.

- b) Maggie McKeithan congratulated KDL on their recent social media campaign.
 - c) John McNaughton mentioned that we may be feeling anxious and powerless as a result of recent political shifts, but he reminded us that we do have control over things at a smaller scale and we can still be there for each other throughout this time.
 - i) Lance Werner brought up the Serenity prayer: *“God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference.”*
- 13) NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. at Kent District Library Service Center.
- 14) ADJOURNMENT:** Dale Parus moved, supported by Rob Bristow, to adjourn at 9:48 - *motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted by,
Amber McLain