

**LAKELAND LIBRARY COOPERATIVE  
BOARD MINUTES – Official  
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), Rob Bristow (OG), Abby Black (OA),  
Lakeland Staff Present: Carol Dawe, 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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.
- 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