

LAKELAND LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
Board Meeting
Kent District Library Service Center (KU)
January 12, 2017
Official

MINUTES

Board Present: Diane Kooiker, Teresa Williams Krupar, John Martin, Kelly Richards, Molly Walker, Lance Werner

Board Absent: Shirley Bruursema, Marcia Warner, Janice Williams

Call to order The meeting was called to order at 9:36 a.m. by President Krupar. The roll-call sign-up sheet was circulated.

Agenda Motion by Werner to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Martin. Motion carried. Items 9B (Board Resolution Statement of Assurances) added to Unfinished Business and 10B (New Phone System) added to New Business.

Questions From Members with Board President/Cooperative Director Answers

There were no questions submitted.

Public Comment No public comment.

Minutes

-- *December 8, 2016 Minutes*

Motion by Martin to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2016 meeting.
Seconded by Werner. Motion carried.

Financial Report

-- *December Balance Sheet & Verbal report*

-- *November Investment Report*

Wilson gave a verbal summary of the financial activities. There were no questions.
The reports were received and filed.

Cooperative Director's Report

-- *Written Report*

There were no questions about the written report. We welcomed new Patmos Library director Stephanie Rogers to Lakeland. We also welcomed representatives from the Fruitport District Library, Rose Dillon and Donna Pope, library board members; and Bethany Nettleton, library director.

--*Strategic Plan Action Report*
No update.

Committee Reports

--*Finance Committee*: None
--*Personnel Committee*: None
--*PPS Committee*: None
--*Advisory Council*: None
--*ILS Council*: Minutes of the December 8, 2016 meeting were included in the packet.

Unfinished Business

Underfunded Contract Service Area Policy – from PPS Committee

Motion by Werner to table the proposed policy changes until the February 9, 2017 meeting. Seconded by Walker. Motion carried.

Action was tabled in anticipation of receiving additional information from Kathy Webb at the Library of Michigan and Beth O’Grady from the Carson City Public Library.

Board Resolution Statement of Assurances for Maker Space Grant

Motion by Werner to approve Board Resolution Statement of Assurances for the Lakeland Library Cooperative LSTA grant application. Seconded by Kooiker. Motion carried.

Laura Powers thanked the Board for approving the resolution. She noted that she would be sending out participation agreements to member libraries in the grant process at the beginning of the week of January 16. These documents will have short turnaround with a due date of the end of the same week. She thanked everyone in advance for the prompt attention to her email notification.

New Business

Fruitport District Library Request to join Lakeland

Motion by Werner to approve the membership resolution from the Fruitport District Library. Seconded by Walker. Motion carried.

The board extended a welcome to Lakeland Library Cooperative’s newest member. Fruitport is the 42nd member of the Cooperative.

Telephone System

Werner requested that this item be placed on the agenda in order to expedite the process of the acquisition of a new phone system for Lakeland Library Cooperative. He offered to share information on the KDL phone system, vendors, etc. In particular, he is interested in a feature that allows emergency text or phone notification of meeting cancellations and other notices. This feature would have been useful this morning given the bad road conditions. He asked that Lakeland staff prepare a proposal as soon as possible.

Board Development

Werner gave a summary of the Kent District Library’s collaboration with Grand Rapids Township on the request for property tax exemption for a group of hospitals in the area. The group of hospitals are all 501(c)3 organizations and have not previously been granted property tax exemption. An exemption would result in a significant loss of property tax revenue in Grand Rapids Township, Kent District Library and other organizations/areas receiving property tax revenues. The request for exemption was made to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. Werner expects that if the Tax Tribunal rules against the group, they will file an appeal with the Court of Appeals. He also expects the state legislature to make an attempt to legislate a change in property tax laws to allow these organizations to qualify for property tax exemptions. He noted that the exemption would also result in a significant loss of revenue in the state treasury. He will keep us posted on the progress of the request and MLA will monitor and work with other groups in the state if legislation is proposed. The Tax Tribunal decision will impact many Lakeland members since the hospital organizations making this request hold property in many service areas throughout Lakeland.

Kelly Richards will take the Board Development topic at the February meeting.

Public Comment

Bob VandeVusse invited everyone to support John Martin and the Grand Haven Save the Catwalk Fundraiser. John will be dumpster diving on January 28 to raise funds for the restoration of the Grand Haven lighthouse catwalk.

Board Comments

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. at the Kent District Library Service Center.

Minutes submitted by,
Sheryl VanderWagen
ILS Manager