

**LAKELAND LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
BOARD MINUTES – Official
Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.
Herrick District Library, Holland, MI**

Present: Mattie Cook, Teresa Kline, John Martin, Diane Kooiker, Carol Dawe, Kelly Richards, Sharon Engelsman

Arrived at 9:40 a.m. – Shirley Bruursema

Absent – John McNaughton, Lance Werner

- 1) The meeting was **called to order** at 9:35 a.m. by Diane Kooiker. She welcomed Heather Wood-Gramza, new director at Howard Miller Public Library, and Bethany Nettleton, new director at Tamarack District Library.
- 2) Sharon Engelsman moved, supported by Teresa Kline, to **approve the agenda** as presented. There was no discussion - *motion carried*.
- 3) There were no **questions from members**.
- 4) For **public comments**- Sheryl mentioned brochures that were sent to Lakeland were available on the table for those who wanted them. Bethany Nettleton recognized Adam DeWitt and the passing of the Fruitport District Library millage.
- 5) Mattie Cook moved, supported by Sharon Engelsman, to **approve the board minutes from October 11, 2018**. There was no discussion – *motion carried*.
- 6) **Financial Report**
 - a) Janet had prepared a description of the change in formats and the **September Financials** were reported in the old format. Teresa Kline moved, supported by Kelly Richards, to approve the report as submitted. There was no discussion – *motion carried*.
 - b) Kelly Richards moved, supported by Sharon Engelsman, to approve the **October Financials**, which were in the new format. Carol commented that she had received comments that the old format had been too difficult to read. Also included was the new monthly Check Register, for the sake of transparency. Diane commented that the Treasurer had previously received this report. This ended discussion – *motion carried*.
 - c) Discussion was had regarding the **September Investment Report** and whether a motion was needed or for the board to receive it and file. John Martin and Kelly Richards suggested that this item no longer needs a motion.
- 7) **President's Report** – Nothing to report.
- 8) **Director's Report** – Carol mentioned that she completed State Aid yesterday so that Lakeland will receive funding. At MLA, she attended an advocacy meeting and they talked about the impact of the current political climate. Polling is more challenging now. 600 calls used to garner 400 responses, now it is 6. The lobbyist went on to say that regardless of political viewpoints, everyone agrees that libraries still have value. Carol mentioned that Lakeland will be evaluating bylaws and policies, and that progress is being made. She also talked about the book Switch and asked if anyone would be interested in doing a book discussion on it and the topic of change. This could be over Zoom, if desired.
- 9) **ILS Council Report** – No comments.

10) **New Business**

- a) Diane listed the new committee members and made mention that the PPS appointments were on hold as the committee structure and policies were being evaluated. She thanked everyone for serving.

The committees for 2018-19 are:

Personnel - John McNaughton, Mattie Cook, and John Martin

Finance - Teresa Kline, Sharon Engelsman, and Kelly Richards

- b) John Martin moved, supported by Kelly Richards, to approve the **Non-Resident Card Recommendation** as submitted by the ILS Council to remove wording in the policy as it relates to the change that now a patron will have a Non-Resident Card from each library (they can purchase from more than one), rather than one card per patron listing all applicable libraries. This makes for easier management and statistics. There was no discussion – *motion carried*.

11) There were no **public comments**.

12) **Board Member Comments**

- a) Shirley Bruursema mentioned that there were six millages voted on in Michigan this past Tuesday. Three passed- Eaton Rapids (capital campaign), Dowagiac (millage increase), and Bloomfield Hills (millage increase - passed at 80%). There will be five in 2019 and eight in 2020. {It was mentioned earlier in the meeting that Fruitport passed its millage.}
- b) Mattie Cook, Teresa Kline, and John Martin all welcomed the new directors and wished them luck.
- c) John Martin has extra RFID tags available to anyone that wants them.
- d) Kelly Richards talked about Storyville and signing the contract for fabrication work. There is more community support and excitement than with the previous plan, which took a lot work. Peggy Hemerling asked about the new locations for Storyville. Kelly explained that there will be spaces in the Montague, Muskegon Heights, and Norton Shores Branches. In 2010, the previous estimated cost was \$2 million. That same plan would have been about \$4 million today. The new plan is now under \$1 million. The new Early Childhood Literacy position will take the lead on Storyville.
- e) Sharon Engelman thanked Diane for letting us have the meeting at Herrick District Library.

13) **Next Meeting** –Thursday, December 13, 2018, 9:30 a.m. (Kent District Library Service Center)

14) Kelly Richards moved to **adjourn** the meeting at 9:55 a.m.