

LAKELAND LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
ILS Council Special Meeting
December 8, 2016 following the Lakeland Board meeting
Kent District Library Service Center
Official Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 11:59 a.m. by Chair Laura Powers. The roll call and sign in sheet was circulated.

Public Comment: None

Motion by Laura Ortiz to approve the agenda. Seconded by Lois Lovell. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion by Teresa Williams Krupar to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2016 meeting. Seconded by Janice Williams. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Board Report: Teresa Williams Krupar reported that the Board approved continuing the Lakeland staffed delivery service along with the purchase of new trucks at its earlier meeting.

Cooperative Director's Report: The report was included in the packet. Sandra also reported that Thom Riley expects to back half days beginning December 12.

Committee Reports:

- a. **Circulation Forum:** Minutes of the September 28, 2016 meeting were included in the packet.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- a. **Collection Management Systems:**

The purpose of the special meeting was for the group to consider the system-wide pricing proposals for collection management systems. There were two products under consideration and both vendors had conducted WebEx demos of their products in October. The two products under consideration are Collection HQ and Innovative Interfaces Decision Center.

Several members expressed a desire to be allowed to opt out of a purchase of this type of software. Muskegon and Flat River use Collection HQ and want to remain with that product until their subscriptions expire in 2017.

Pamela Myers questioned the per capita pricing breakdown. VanderWagen responded that Collection HQ pricing is based directly on service area population and that she was

asked to submit the populations for each member library for that quotation. Innovative Interfaces did not ask for that information but the pricing proposal was broken down in the same manner in order for members to compare costs based on the same premise. That is different from our usual internal 50/50 cost model.

There were comments on both products and members agreed that each product had good and not so good aspects.

Motion by Claire Sheridan to purchase a one year system-wide subscription to Decision Center. Seconded by Deb Bose. Motion was defeated by weighted vote.

A straw poll was taken and thirteen people agreed on the value of having a collection management system. Five people felt it was not needed.

Diane Kooiker gave summary of her technical service staff findings after they had viewed both demos.

VanderWagen noted that the Decision Center pricing is expected to increase by about 50% in January. This is due to Innovative Interface's new fiscal year and annual evaluation and reset of product pricing.

Myers asked for input as to whether the issue was strictly the pricing or just the idea of having a collection management system. The reaction was mixed but small libraries noted that it is primarily cost because they have to weigh available dollars against services/products which are deemed necessities vs those that are considered extras.

Motion by Diane Kooiker to continue the evaluation of the collection management systems and to explore a group purchase that would begin October 1, 2017. Seconded by Kelly Richards. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Diane Kooiker, Laura Powers and Sheryl VanderWagen will work out an outline of the group purchase process. This will be distributed to ILS council members at which time they will be able to opt into the group. A suggestion was made to add the "opt in" to the Menu Services agreement which is distributed every March and due in April.

Member Announcements:

Sheryl VanderWagen noted that the Coopersville Area District Library will be moving into its temporary location between Christmas and New Years. Most of their collection will be placed in temporary storage and noted as such in Sierra. She asked member library staff not to place copy specific holds on those temporary storage items when requesting items for book clubs etc. While they will have limited access to the storage area, retrieving those items will make extra work for staff.

Kelly Richards announced that Sandie Enders is currently not working due to injuries received in an automobile accident. The group expressed their best wishes to Sandie for a good recovery. Kelly will represent MADL on the ILS Council until such time as Sandie is able to return to work.

Dale Parus reported that Ionia Community Library is exploring a partnership with the Fred Meijer Trail that runs from Ionia to Saranac. They want to do a story time presentation that begins at the trailhead in Ionia and follows along the trail with the last post being a message to visit the Ionia Community Library.

Parus also asked for a follow-up look at the items that the group had evaluated as adding value to the services provided to patrons. We have accomplished some of those including increasing the number of holds and expanding delivery. It will be one year in February and he requested that the group evaluate that progress at the February meeting.

The group asked Parus to give a status update on the MLA advocacy alert related to SB579 and SB619-624. He reported that the lame duck session is quickly drawing to a close and that the House chair is reluctant to bring them to the floor for a vote. MLA is asking that get everyone involved to contact their legislators to bring these bills to the floor for a vote before the end of the session.

Laura Powers reported that Flat River Community Library has a new YouTube channel where they will be posting short video reviews of books. She encouraged everyone to take a look.

Powers noted that the group needs to consider how ILS Council representatives are appointed at the February meeting.

The special meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2017 following the Lakeland Board meeting at the Kent District Library Service Center.

Respectfully submitted

Sheryl VanderWagen, ILS Manager