

*The Mission of Lake Agassiz Regional Library
is to share resources
in order to provide access to quality library services
that meet lifelong learning needs,
and enrich the lives of those we serve.*

**LARL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FULL BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

A meeting of the Lake Agassiz Regional Library Full Board was held on Thursday, March 16, 2006 at the Moorhead Branch. President Perry called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Bock, Brunsvold, Conzemius, Dufault, Eid, Ellingson, Gunderson, Hintermeyer, Hooper, Kochmann, K. Larson, Lindgren, Jacobson, Melby, Nelson, Perry, Saar.

Board Members Absent: Hovdenes, Kolke, M. Larson, Mooney, Sauvegeau, Swanson.

Others Present: Fredette, Stroh.

PUBLIC INPUT.

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

(K. Larson/Conzemius) Moved to approve the agenda as presented. MCU

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 19, 2006 FULL BOARD MEETING.

(Conzemius/Nelson) Moved to approve the Minutes of the January 19, 2006 Full Board Meeting as presented. MCU

FINANCIAL REPORT

The LARL Board had approved the donation of 3 months worth of fines and fees to the Jefferson Parish Library System, which had been affected by Hurricane Katrina. The total amount collected and sent to Jefferson Parish Library System was just under \$4,600.00.

Eide Bailly was on site during the end of January to conduct the 2005 audit of our financial statements.

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2005 AUDIT REPORT – Brian Stavenger, Eide Bailly

Brian Stavenger from Eide Bailly was present to discuss the 2005 audit report. Included with the audit report this year is the Management's Discussion & Analysis (MD&A) report. This report is compiled by LARL's management to give an overview of the financial statements of the organization.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

(Eid/Ellingson) Moved to submit the 2005 Annual Report to State Library Services. MCU

Library Legislative Day will be held in St Paul on Thursday, March 30th. If there are any Board members who would like to participate, please contact the Regional Library Director. This year is a bonding year and \$10M is being sought for public library construction funds to accommodate technology, provide accessibility and provide for state-of-the-art services. There are several cities/counties in our region who are thinking about expanding, building, or remodeling their libraries.

LARL is moving away from print policy manuals and moving toward having the employee and Board manuals on-line on the staff intranet. It's very time-consuming and costly to keep the print manuals updated.

LARL is applying for an LSTA Grant for the Library of the Future project in Barnesville. The grant application is for \$48,500 for new technology. This project is a partnership with the community and will require a lot of in-kind or matching contributions from that community. LARL has seen a lot of support from the community for this project including four letters of support from the Mayor, the Economic Development Director, the school Superintendent, and the Community Fund.

Two counties, Norman and Clearwater, were unable to meet LARL's budget request for 2006. A number of different options were reviewed in order to cut costs in the two counties, with the least impact on the rest of the region. Four cost cutting scenarios for each county were presented to the Board. Representatives from both counties are going to discuss the proposed cuts with their respective counties and libraries and get back to the Board early in April.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Becker County. (Hovdenes-absent, Kolke-absent, Nelson, Sauvegeau-absent).
Nelson reported that he enjoyed attending the recent strategic planning meeting.

Breckenridge. (Conzemius).

The quilt project raised \$3,700 for the Breckenridge Library. The quilt has been requested several times for displays.

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Clay County. (Brunsvold, Melby, Mooney-absent).

Melby reported that the Library of the Future project has been great fun. The excitement for it is growing.

Clearwater County. (Larson).

The Foundation has given a 2-year deadline for a new library in Clearwater County.

Crookston. (Lindgren).

Wireless access is being installed tomorrow at the Crookston Library. The library might be getting a new roof.

Detroit Lakes. (Hooper).

The Detroit Lakes Library is back up to full staff. The library is running out of space and looking into the possibility of expanding.

City of Mahanomen. (Kochmann).

None.

Mahanomen County. (Eid).

Two chairs at the library need to be disposed of because they are unsafe.

Moorhead (Bock, Hintermeyer, M. Larson-absent, Saar, Swanson-absent).

By 2009, they hope to have a new library building in Moorhead. The premiere showing of the 100th Anniversary video of the Moorhead Library will be shown on April 2nd.

Norman County/Ada (Gunderson).

A computer program for seniors was offered in the Ada Library.

Polk County (Dufault, Ellingson, Jacobson).

The 5th annual Festival of Tables will be held in Fosston on April 29th. Several authors will soon be visiting the Fosston Library.

Wilkin County. (Perry).

None.

Northern Lights Library Network. (Ellingson, Melby)

Working on a presentation for the Board.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The LARL Negotiating team and the Union representatives have come up with a tentative agreement. The proposed salary increases are \$.40 an hour increase in year one, 2.5% in year

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two, and a 2% increase in year three.

Board members discussed the Board/Staff Planning Retreat held on March 11th. The Board appreciated the groundwork the staff laid in getting the plan started.

Beltrami County is still looking at leaving the Kitchigami Regional Library System and joining a new system. Fredette distributed information that put into perspective the views of one individual from Bemidji who has written letters to the editor comparing the services provided by the Bemidji Library to those provided by the International Falls Library. According to the State Library, the City of International Falls provided funding of \$51.99 per capita in 2004 compared to the City of Bemidji's contribution of \$8.48 per capita.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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