

*The Mission of LARL
is to link people and communities
to resources and experiences
for learning and enrichment.*

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

A meeting of the Lake Agassiz Regional Library Full Board was held on Thursday, January 18, 2007 at the Moorhead Branch.

Board Members Present: Alstadt, Brunsvold, Bursik, Dufault, Eid, Ellingson, Graves, Gunderson, Hintermeyer, Jacobson, Kochmann, Lindgren, Mooney, Nelson, Perry, Saar.

Board Members Absent: Bock, Chevalier, Hooper, Hovdenes, Melby, Sauvegeau. One vacancy from City of Moorhead.

Others Present: Fredette, Stroh.

PUBLIC INPUT
None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

(Eid/Ellingson) Moved to approve the agenda as presented. MCU

WELCOME NEW & RETURNING LARL TRUSTEES

President Perry introduced and welcomed new Board members Fawn Alstadt from the City of Breckenridge, Paul Bursik from Becker County, and John Graves from the City of Moorhead. New Board member John Chevalier from Clearwater County was unable to attend the meeting.

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 16, 2006 FULL BOARD MEETINGS.

(Jacobson/Lindgren) Moved to approve the Minutes of the November 16, 2006 Full Board Meetings as presented. MCU

FINANCIAL REPORT

Stroh reviewed the December 31, 2006 financial statements with the Board, making note that they are un-audited financial statements and some adjusting entries will be made. The auditors will be on site next week for fieldwork.

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There has been a change with our delivery courier. With no notice from Velocity Express, we found out that the Velocity warehouse in Fargo closed its doors last Friday. They have outsourced our delivery to a company called Response Delivery out of West Fargo. The first few days of the deliveries have gone well.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee reviewed the 2007 Final Budget. There is no change in the total budget amount, only some changes between budget categories.

(Ellingson/Bursik) Moved to approve the 2007 Budget as reviewed and recommended by the Finance Committee. MCU

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

LARL receives telecom services through the cooperative NW-LINKS. NW-LINKS serves the four regional public library systems and most school districts in northwest Minnesota. This year, as they do every three years, they must go out for bids on the telecom services. They have compiled a suggested level of service for us, which Fredette will review. NW-LINKS has requested that we renew our membership in this cooperative for the next three years.

(Dufault/Ellingson) Moved to continue membership with NW-LINKS as our telecom coordinator for the next 3 years. MCU

A community planning meeting for a LINK Site in Hendrum is set for February 1st.

At the December Executive committee meeting, LINK Site evaluation during 2007 was discussed. Since that meeting, Fredette has received an e-mail from a library system in Ireland, which developed a program of outreach to rural communities similar to our LINK sites and would like to share information.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Becker County. (Bursik, Hovdenes-absent, Nelson, Sauvegeau-absent).
The Cormorant LINK site is adding open hours.

Breckenridge. (Alstadt).
Breckenridge held an open house for their newly remodeled children's area and over 100 people attended.

Clay County. (Brunsvold, Melby-absent, Mooney).
Hawley is beginning to provide storytime, Storytime To Go, and computer classes.

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Clearwater County. (Chevalier-absent).
No report.

Crookston. (Lindgren).
No report.

Detroit Lakes. (Hooper-absent).
No report.

City of Mahanomen. (Kochmann).
No report.

Mahanomen County. (Eid).
Happy to see that the local paper is covering more library events.

Moorhead (Bock, Graves, Hintermeyer, Saar, 1 vacancy).
No report.

Norman County/Ada (Gunderson).
There is lots of community interest in Hendrum for the new LINK Site.

Polk County (Dufault, Ellingson, Jacobson).
Fosston will be having a couple of author visits. About 100 kids per week attend music lessons in the basement of the building. Storytime to Go is being provided for 7 daycares and home deliveries are being expanded. Circulation in Polk County is looking good.

Wilkin County (Perry).
No report.

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Northern Lights Library Network

Bursik provided the Board with information on Northern Lights Library Network, including whom they serve and some of the projects they're doing.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Perry presented the 2007 Board Committee appointments.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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