

*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, May 17, 2007 at the Moorhead Branch. Vice-President Eid called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

Board Members Present: Alstadt, Bursik, Chevalier, Eid, Ellingson, Gunderson, Hovdenes, Jacobson, Kochmann, Lindgren, Mooney, Saar.

Board Members Absent: Bock, Brunsvold, Dufault, Graves, Hooper, Hintermeyer, Melby, Nelson, Perry, Sauvegeau. One vacancy from City of Moorhead.

Others Present: Fredette, Stroh.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

(Bursik/Lindgren) Moved to approve the agenda as presented. MCU

WELCOME TO NEW BOARD MEMBER

John Chevalier, new Board member from Clearwater County, was introduced to the Board.

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 15, 2007 FULL BOARD MEETING.

(Bursik/Saar) Moved to approve the Minutes of the March 15, 2007 Full Board Meeting as presented. MCU

FINANCIAL REPORT

Enclosed with the Board packets was an Annual Report Summary which is a compilation and analysis of some of the information from Annual Reports over the last several years.

At this time the Board viewed a DVD produced by the Gates Foundation and titled "Your Public Library".

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As of May 31st, we are one third of the way through our fiscal year and have started to receive the 2nd quarter signatory payments. We have received the final payment of the FY06 RLTA (Regional Library Telecom Aid) grant and the 3rd payment for the FY07 RLTA grant.

The second draft of the 2008 Preliminary Budget was presented to the Board. No action needs to be taken at this time. A third draft will be presented to the Full Board at the June Board meeting. There have been a few changes on the 2nd draft including, a reduction in the amount to be requested from the Signatories, a reduction in the materials budget, and an increase in the automation system budget.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Ada Branch Librarian is retiring after 20 years with LARL and there will be retirement party in her honor on May 31st at the Ada Library. She will be replaced by Melissa Leslie, who is currently a Library Assistant at the Fosston Branch.

With self-checkout, teleforms and other technological changes, LARL is in the midst of enormous change in how it provides service to its customers. To help us see the “big picture” of how this will affect us all – and how we can maximize these new tools and minimize stress – LARL will be working with Sue Hall and Debbie Willms of Library Strategies, a consulting group of The Friends of the St. Paul Public Library. Over the next few months Hall and Willms will be Gathering feedback from all LARL staff members on a variety of topics. The main purpose of the study is to “clarify the duties and expectations of staff so that LARL can maximize efficiency and support innovation in service delivery – to give the very best service to its customers. The consultants will also evaluate the Library LINKS system to make sure that this innovative program is running smoothly.

According to the State Statute, any person elected or appointed to any public office or member of any public board or body shall take an oath of office.

(Jacobson/Bursik) Moved to approve the Oath of Office for the LARL Board of Trustees as reviewed and amended by the Executive/Finance Committee. MCU

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Becker County (Bursik, Hovdenes, Nelson-absent, Sauvegeau-absent).

The DL Library has a summer reading program for adults with great gift baskets as prizes. They are also holding classes on going abroad which include not only information on tourism, but also on safety when traveling abroad.

Breckenridge (Alstadt).

The Breckenridge Library has received new puppets. The Friends are also now supplying coffee in the library for the public.

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Clay County (Brunsvold-absent, Melby-absent, Mooney).
Really likes the self-check service in Moorhead.

Clearwater County (Chevalier).
No report.

Crookston (Lindgren).
The library sundial is being repaired.

Detroit Lakes (Hooper-absent).
No report.

City of Mahanomen (Kochmann).
No report.

Mahanomen County (Eid).
There are about 300 kids from the school coming through the library to hear about the Summer Reading Program.

Moorhead (Bock-absent, Graves-absent, Hintermeyer-absent, Saar, 1 vacancy).
Focus groups will be held to get public input on a new library building. The circulation numbers are way up.

Norman County/Ada (Gunderson).
The Hendrum LINK site is now open.

Polk County (Dufault-absent, Ellingson, Jacobson).
McIntosh is doing well. There have been some behavior incidents with youth at the Crookston Library.

Wilkin County (Perry-absent).
No report.

Northern Lights Library Network (Bursik)
Spotlight on Books was very successful. A booklet showing a summary of activities over the last 2 years was distributed to Board members.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Vice-President Eid administered the Oath of Office to those present at the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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