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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, March 20, 2008 at the Moorhead Library. President Perry called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

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

Board Members Absent: Bock, Brunsvold, Chevalier, Hooper, Hovdenes, Sauvegeau. One vacancy each from Clay County, City of Moorhead, and Polk County.

Others Present: Fredette, Stroh.

PUBLIC INPUT
None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

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

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 17, 2008 FULL BOARD MEETING.

(Jaconson/Graves) Moved to approve the Minutes of the January 17, 2008 Full Board Meeting as presented. MCU

2007 AUDIT REPORT

The auditor was unable to attend tonight's meeting and has been rescheduled to attend the Full Board meeting on May 15, 2008.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The winter used book sale netted \$2,667. The funds will be used to purchase new materials for the region. The Summer Reading Program incentives have been ordered and new color laser printers were purchased for all of the branches.

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Stroh, Fredette, and Bursik attended a statewide meeting in January to discuss Library Maintenance of Effort and Minimum Level of Support. Minimum Level of Support is calculated using a formula to determine the minimum amount a city or county is required to fund library services. Maintenance of Effort requires a city or county to provide at least as much support for library services as they did two years previous.

(Gunderson/Saar) Moved to approve payment of the Directors and Officers Insurance Policy/Employment Practices Liability Insurance. MCU

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The annual report has been compiled and needs to be submitted to the State by the April 1st deadline.

(Bursik/Dufault) Moved to authorize the Director to submit the 2007 Annual Report to State Library Services. MCU

Legislation was introduced in the Senate that would grant the 5 non-participating libraries in the state access to the Electronic Library for Minnesota (ELM) database. Currently, only those public libraries that are members of a regional public library system have access. Following up on urging from Sen. LeRoy Stumpf to regional systems, Fredette contacted the East Grand Forks (Campbell) Library Director to encourage discussion about the benefits of belonging to a regional system. The last attempt at discussion was in early 2004 prior to our migration to a new automation system. Discussion was also held after the flood of 1997 (prior to Fredette's arrival).

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Becker County (Bursik, Hovdenes-absent, Nelson, Sauvegeau-absent).
No report.

Breckenridge (Alstadt).
The city is making updates to the building. Hot Reads turnout was good.

Clay County (Brunsvold-absent, Mooney, 1 vacancy).
The high school is doing an art showcase at the library in April.

Clearwater County (Chevalier-absent).
No report.

Crookston (Lindgren).
No report.

Detroit Lakes (Hooper-absent).
No report.

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City of Mahanomen (Kochmann).

Lois, Mahanomen Branch Librarian, is really happy with the reorganization and improvements at the library. An open house will be held next month.

Mahanomen County (Eid).

No report.

Moorhead (Bock-absent, Graves, Hintermeyer, Saar, 1 vacancy).

Working on identifying needs for a new building.

Norman County/Ada (Gunderson).

Circulation numbers are up in Ada.

Polk County (Dufault, Jacobson, 1 vacancy).

Fosston is holding a teen movie night, Hot Reads finale is coming up, and Festival of Tables fundraiser will be held in April. Polk County has appointed a new LARL Board member.

Wilkin County (Perry).

No report.

Northern Lights Library Network (Bursik).

Spotlight on Books conference will be held on April 1st. Over 600 people have registered for the "23 Things on a Stick" program.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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