

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
March 16, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Chambers called the virtual meeting to order at 5:30 pm Via Zoom:
Meeting ID: 832 0245 0122 Passcode: 257061.

- **Roll Call: Present:** Cindy Blamer, Jen Larsen, Julie Vitale, Sharon Haege, David Chambers.
Absent: Samantha Kauffman, Michael Burns.
- **Motion to approve the Agenda.** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Blamer with support by Larsen. AIF/MC.

2. MINUTES

- Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of February 16, 2021. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Haege and supported by Blamer. AIF/MC.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

4. TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILLS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Director Tinkham reviewed the financial statements. The library had received about ½ of the expected millage for the year. Today a partial disbursement from the city for TIF & LDFA. (\$12,412) was received. Expenses were as expected to date. The library received the invoices for insurance at the same cost as last year. The Bond payment was due April 1. The schedule showed total payment was \$36,282.50. Complete bond payoff will be 4/1/2030. Tinkham recommended that the Board consider resuming using the option to pay an additional \$5,000 installment toward the principal. Haege and Blamer agreed that was a good idea while the funds were available. Chambers said the board would make the decision in the next couple months.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Bills and Cash Disbursements as presented was made by Larsen with support by Haege. AIF/MC

5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- ✓ Covid News: The library may now have up to 25 people in programming with no restriction for family groups. The order raised occupancy limits to 50%. The library was resuming in-person programming with the proper limitations, including preschool storytime. Business had been picking up as Spring rolled in.
- ✓ Take and Make crafts for children and Drop-in crafts for adults and teens had been popular and attracted new patrons to the library.
- ✓ Staff were working on college prep and adulting-type classes, including lifelong learning opportunities like how-to sprout seeds for health.
- ✓ Staff were given the opportunity to sign up for a Covid vaccination through a governmental list with the County in White Cloud.
- ✓ Mar 10, Congress passed a \$1.9 trillion relief package. The bill provided important provisions for cultural and arts organizations including libraries. These included \$200 million for the Institute for Museum and Library Services, \$135 million for the National Endowment for the Arts, \$135 million for the National Endowment for the Humanities, and \$1.35 billion more for the Shuttered Venue Operators Grant program.
- ✓ The Build America's Libraries Act, H.R. 1581, a \$2 trillion bill for investment in library infrastructure was also making its way through congress. The bipartisan bill would provide

funding to construct and modernize public libraries in underserved communities, including an estimated \$135 million for libraries in Michigan. This would be a source of dollars for building a new branch, purchasing a bookmobile, adding hotspots, and constructing new or renovated facilities.

Discussion about the library applying for and possibly receiving PPP funding was introduced by Vitale. The deadline to apply was March 31. Chambers asked Tinkham to follow up with LLC Director Dawe. Vitale would forward information to Tinkham and offered her time to help.

- ✓ Preparations for the annual audit was ongoing; Field Audit was scheduled for April 6.
- ✓ Director Tinkham would be away from the office March 31 – April 5.

Larsen asked for an update on quarantining of returns. Tinkham said Lakeland libraries unanimously voted on March 11 to suspend the practice immediately as a cooperative. NADL officially began that on March 17. This will help expedite holds and availability of items for circulation. The member libraries also voted to continue waiving overdue fines through August. This information will be published in the next issue of the Times Indicator, and posted on the library website and FB page.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

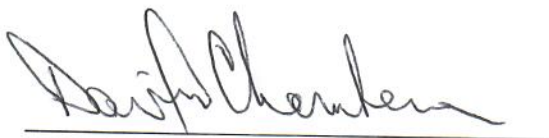
8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

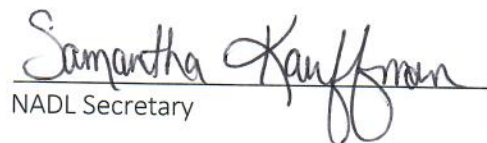
Vitale opened discussion about how the library supported inclusion within the collections. Tinkham said that collection development included purchase of current materials expressing diverse viewpoints. As a public library it was essential that all residents felt welcomed and were able to find reading materials and resources to enrich their lives. Opposing viewpoints created room for education and discussion. Blamer pointed out that library displays supported that effort. Tinkham said that the library had a Materials Selection Policy which included guidelines to challenge materials. Regarding previous challenges, Chambers and Tinkham said the library did not censor materials.

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Haege with support by Blamer. AIF/MC. The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m. by President David Chambers.



NADL President



NADL Secretary