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**Lapeer District Library
Regular Meeting of February 20, 2025
Lapeer Center Building
Minutes**

25R.02.01 Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by board chair, W. Marquardt.

25R.02.02 Roll Call:

Bill Marquardt	City of Lapeer	12/31/2026	Present
Vacant	County (Marathon Township)	12/31/2029	Absent
Kari Kohlman	County (Deerfield Township)	12/31/2027	Present
Peggy Brotzke	Lapeer Township	12/31/2029	Present
John DeAngelis	County (Metamora Township)	12/31/2027	Present
Perry Valle	County (Metamora Township)	12/31/2025	Present
Present Dr. Neena Sharma Schons	Mayfield Township	12/31/2025	Absent

Quorum is 4. There are 5 Board members present.

Also present are D. Brigatti (LDL Director), A. Seurnyck (Library Attorney), K. Haight (Technical Director), and J. Gillis (Recorder). Also present were members of the press.

25R.02.03 Public Comments: 17 people spoke. From these townships—Mayfield (2), City of Lapeer (3), Metamora (3), Arcadia (1), Elba (1), Marathon (2), Oxford (1), North Branch (1), and Unknown (3).

25R.02.04 Additions/Deletions/Approval of agenda: J. DeAngelis motion to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by P. Valle. Motion carried.

25R.02.05 Consent Agenda: The chair summarized the four points of the consent agenda. P. Valle motioned to accept the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by K. Kohlman. Motion carried.

Board Reports:

25R.02.06 Treasurer: P. Valle, board treasurer, moved to pay bills from:

November – December (see report)

December 20, 2024 – January 16, 2025: Checks 15527-15547 from General Checking for \$29,399.41; bill pay from General Checking – Online Bill Pay

for \$10,910.81; and bill pay Payroll Checking – Online Bill pay for \$119,297.40 for a grand total of \$159,601.62

January 17, 2025 – February 20, 2025: Checks 15548-15584 from General Checking for \$41,165.57; bill pay from General Checking – Online Bill Pay for \$15,117.25; and bill pay Payroll Checking – Online Bill Pay for \$121,528.81 for a grand total of \$177,811.96. Seconded by J. DeAngelis motion carried.

Committee Reports:

25R.02.07 Finance No report.

Lapeer County Report:

25R.02.08 No report.

Unfinished Business:

25R.02.09 There was no unfinished business.

Closed session:

25R.02.10 W. Marquardt motioned for a closed session to discuss confidential legal opinion with A. Seurnyck. Seconded by J. DeAngelis. Motion passed.

25R.02.11 W. Marquardt motioned for a closed session to discuss a confidential personnel evaluation. Seconded by P. Valle. Motion passed.

25R.02.12 A. Seurnyck presented legal opinions regarding book banning and restricting access to materials.

25R.02.13 Director evaluation. D. Brigatti left the meeting at 7:14pm. No motion was passed.

25R.02.14 W. Marquardt motioned to move out of first closed session. Seconded by P. Valle. Motion carried.

25R.02.15 J. DeAngelis motioned to move out the second closed session. Seconded by P. Valle. Motion carried.

New Business:

25R.2.16 Acceptance of Dr. Neena Sharma-Schons Resignation Letter. K. Kohlman motioned to accept Dr. Sharma-Schons resignation. Seconded by J. DeAngelis. Motion passed.

25R.2.17 New member introduction (Peggy Brotzke). No action required.

25R2.18 2025 Committee Appointments. One appointment for the finance committee. P. Valle motioned to appoint the Treasurer as chair of the finance committee. Seconded by P. Brotzke. Motion passed.

25R2.19 2025 Board Officer Appointments.

K. Kohlman was elected **board chair**. Motioned and seconded by J. DeAngelis and P. Brotzke. Motion carried (3 for, 2 against).
J. DeAngelis was elected **board vice-chair**. Motioned and seconded by K. Kohlman and P. Brotzke. Motion carried (3 for, 2 against).
P. Brotzke was elected **board secretary**. Motioned and seconded by J. DeAngelis and K. Kohlman. Motion carried (3 for, 2 against).
P. Valle will remain **treasurer** as there were no new nominations.

25R2.20 2025 Credit Card Approvals. Motion passed.

25R2.21 Annual Library Board By-Laws Review. No action required.

Staff Reports

25R.2.22 Assistant Director for Technical Services A written report was submitted.

25R.2.23 Director A written report was submitted.

25R.2.24 Facilities A written report was submitted.

Communications:

25R.2.25 Library Board By-Laws

25R.2.26 Credit Card Limits

25R.2.27 Resignation Letter – Dr. Neena Sharma-Schons

25R.2.28 Correspondence from Mayfield Township regarding board appointment

25R.2.29 Correspondence to Mayfield Township regarding board appointment

25R.2.30 Correspondence to Lapeer County Board of Commissioners regarding board appointment

25R.2.31 Correspondence to Lapeer Township regarding board appointment

25R.2.32 Board Meeting Schedule with updated location information

25R.2.33 LDL Newsletter

Friends Report (3-6-9-12)

25R.2.34 No report.

Board Comments or Request for Information:

25R.2.35 P. Brotzke asked for the current collection policy and was informed that it was in the board information binder. She also said she has no intention of banning books. She addressed rumors that are circulating on social media. W. Marquardt called for order. P. Brotzke does like the parent tab on the website; she likes that it makes the library policy very clear about children's library cards. J. DeAngelis thanked W. Marquardt for being the chair over the last year.

25R.2.36 MMLC Report: No report.

25R.2.37 Public Comments: One person from the city of Lapeer spoke. C. Brown of Mayfield township asked why she was not sitting on the board at the meeting since she was replacing N. Sharma-Schons. She said that three people wrote letters to the township to be appointed and that she was chosen. W. Marquardt said that an official notice from the township had not been received yet and that she could not sit until she was sworn in. A. Seurnynck requested that the Mayfield township attorney please contact her.

25R.2.38 Adjournment: W. Marquardt moved to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm.

**Regular Meeting: Lapeer Center Building
March 20, 2025
Finance Committee 4:30 p.m.
Full Board 5:30 p.m.**

Jan Gillis – Recorder

Vacant – Secretary

Bill Marquardt– Chair