

**Northland Library Cooperative  
Advisory Council Meeting Minutes  
Traverse Area District Library  
Dec 16, 2021**

**Introduction of Members:**

**Members Present:**

Val Meyerson (Petoskey District Library), Kendall Spratt (Fife Lake Public Library),  
John Roberts (Kalkaska County Library), Michele Howard (Traverse Area District Library),  
Amber Alexander (Presque Isle District Library), Ryan Deery (Charlevoix Public Library),  
Monica Peck (Boyer District Library), Tanya Procknow (Mackinaw Area Public Library)  
Kelsey Rutkowski (Indian River Area Library) Leanne Milliman (Crooked Tree District Library)  
Linda Adams (Northland Library Cooperative Director)

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 10:34 am by President, Val Meyerson.

**Approval of Agenda:**

The Agenda was approved by consensus.

**Approval of Minutes:**

M. Peck made a motion to accept the October 21, 2021 Minutes seconded by J. Roberts. Motion carried.

**Approval of Financial Reports**

- **November 2021 Financial Report and FY 20-21 Audit.** L. Adams presented the financials noting nothing was outstanding except that we are under budget. J. Roberts made a motion to recommend to the NLC Board to accept the Financial Report and audit, seconded by M. Peck. Motion carried.

**Directors Report:**

Linda reviewed her presented report, noting the following updates:

- Linda will be doing library visits again.
- Remember to use your Enhancement grants
- Advocacy and ARPA Grant updates
- NLC Annual Report for FY 20-21 is in packet and on NLC website
- Uodate on book challenges and resources to help

**Business:**

- **State Aid Increase:** There is an expected \$27,000 increase in state aid, so there was some discussion about what to do with this money. Enhancement grants, funding eMagazines, etc. with the hope to increase the TADL grant. The Plan of Service Committee includes Howard, Meyerson, Roberts, and Milliman. Linda will prompt everyone for a meeting once the State Aid numbers are finalized to discuss options.
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- **Date Changes for 2021-2022 Advisory and Board Meetings:** Locations for the 2020-21 Advisory and Board Meetings are as follows:
  - October 21, 2021: CheboyganArea Public Library
  - December 16, 2021: Traverse Area District Library
  - April 21, 2022: Charlevoix Public Library
  - August 18, 2022: Kalkaska Country Library (Conflict with MCDA meeting– need to change date)
  - September 15, 2022: Otsego Country Library
  - October 20, 2022: Cheboygan Area Public Library (Conflict with MLA Conference – need to change date)

**What's happening at your library?**

Leanne: Has new staff and a New Board. Everything going well. Looking at 10-year-old policies and working on revisions.

Kelsey: Expanding hours, M-Sa; working on policies and weeding; starts full time in January. Finished her MLS! Congrat!

John: Received the ARPA grant and is working on the WiFi project. Progress is being made on the New building: Lt Gov visited and State senator, requested proposals, Capital projects listed in Treasury funds, 25-year-old project looks like it's coming true. Fingers crossed! Not sure if getting Marijuana money yet. Might see some donations.

Kendal: FLPL is moving from 34 to 46 hours. Patrons just can't get there in time when they close at 5 & 6pm. There are now 9 employees and working on getting everyone trained. School project: doing storytimes and working with teachers to give presentations. Working on getting low and reluctant readers interested in reading.

Tanya: Having weather trouble today; lots of erratic hours because of covid cases and exposures. Hit or miss for people showing up for programming. It's been an interesting couple of months.

Amber: Lots of weather trouble today! Loss of power, etc. Posen opened! Pleased with the library. Love to schedule something there for NLC to see the library. Got grant for theater wall and having fundraiser for Gaspby night on NYE to kick-off for fundraising. Working on a bunch of film series including: Film Noire, Book to Film. Gearing up for a great year!

Michele: Tadi has had great success with Teen book boxes. The Homeless Shelter opened the beginning of November and TADL has been having tons of Behavior problems including having the police to the library 21 times in November! Partnering with Habitat to provide books and library information when they dedicate a new house.

Ryan: Lost Leanne and gained another Ryan on staff who is great. Working on a Student card program! Seeing lots of digital use! Ryan wonders if anyone does outreach notary services.

Monica: Ambassador training with Friends of the Library and Board and Staff to create a cohesive messaging. Suggests the Workbook: Improving your library's value by ALA. Libraries 2 hurdles: 1. Past perception of old stinky books. 2. What is our one dominant service? Libraries do so much! Created education, employment, entrepreneurship, and employment, engagement. Everyone needs the same elevator speech!

Bookmobile issues: in winter at schools and this is struggling with collection development; and how to handle asks to not have certain books on the bookmobile. These are not necessarily Book Challenges but balance the school/public library relationships.

Val: Talked about challenges but not really challenges so Val is being proactive. Two good programs: 1. delivering books to inmates to jails. Really awesome! 2. Starting a mail program for those who are homebound. Return is a postage-paid mail bag.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 12:14 pm and a lovely potluck followed!

The next scheduled Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 21, 2022, at 10:30 am at Charlevoix Public Library.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michele P. Howard, Director,  
Traverse Area District Library