

LAKELAND LIBRARY COOPERATIVE  
**ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**  
Thursday, March 3, 2011  
Tamarack District Library, Lakeview MI

*OFFICIAL*

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 9:37 a.m. by Chair Pam Myers.
2. **Public Comment** – No public comment
3. **Approval of Agenda** – Motion by Sheridan, supported by Van Ett to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
4. **Approval of the Minutes for January 6, 2011** – Motion by Sheridan, supported by Conaway to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2011 meeting with correcting the spelling of the name “Freegle” to “Freegal” under Director’s report, paragraph 2. Motion carried.
5. **Board Report** – Board President, Shirley Bruusema commended the different committee chairs for all their hard work. Bruursema also reminded the group to continue contacting their legislators to advocate for cooperatives to for their share of the money.
6. **Directors Report** – Sandra Wilson asked the group, “How many libraries were going to pay the new MLA organization dues?”. About 1/3 of the group raised their hand. Wilson reported that only MLA members would be the ones that would get the information on advocating to libraries. Wilson also reported a concern that state aid would be routed to be spent on MeL databases. Members commented that some are valuable but many of them are not needed. A question was asked if there was any document of the cost of comparing Cooperative costs if a library did not use Lakeland services. Wilson said she was working on it but that it was difficult to come up with individual costs for an ILS, OCLC, etc. for every library and that that information is not readily available without libraries directly contacting vendors. Bruusema suggested to check the files as one was done a few years ago.
7. **Committee Reports** –
  - a. **Continuing Education**-written report was provided
  - b. **Youth Services**-written report was provided
  - c. **Personnel**-no report
  - d. **Finance Committee**-no report. Next meeting is Mar. 29<sup>th</sup>.
  - e. **Withdrawing from Menu Services** – Holzwarth reported that the study group has gone as far as it can go at this point and will rest until they have more information concerning state and cooperative budget and will be able to pickup where they left off. Holzwarth also thanked the committee members for their time in attending the meetings.
8. **Old Business** – None

## 9. New Business

- a. **Data Line Bid:** Thom Riley reported that LLC had put off bidding out the data line for the last year and had extended the current network. It was noted in the current year Wilson had negotiated down the contract cost by \$48,000. The network has continued to work well with stability and security. Riley reported that there is greater buying power with a greater number participating in a bid. Libraries need to return the intent to participate in the data line bid to Wilson by April 1. Once bid it is not an option that at that point libraries can pull out of the group as that would skew the bid cost. Riley also handed out reports for each library's use of their bandwidth.

Riley was asked what the best price might be. Would it be the same price or higher? He responded the increase would be insignificant.

Holzwarth said Hastings is being pressured in joining city or county networks.

Riley was asked where are we at on the Merit presentation. Riley responded that he already talked with them and the time of building out fiber optic across the state will take more than a year to do. Also the price of the build out to some libraries in the Cooperative would be very costly.

Riley was asked what is the number of libraries that we need to make a difference in pricing. Riley responded that it depends on the vendors and where the libraries are located.

Riley was asked who has the final say. Wilson replied that the Board/membership has the final say.

Riley was asked if Iserve is motivated in keeping our business. Riley replied they would like to keep us a part of their business.

Riley was asked if a library decides up front they don't want in, can they change their mind at the last minute? Riley replied that at a point it would be too late if the bidding process was already in progress.

Any question, don't hesitate to call or email Riley.

- b. **Proposed Bylaws Changes** – *From Plan of Service/Bylaws Study Group*  
Section: 111-2: motion made by Sheridan supported by Boetcher to approve the recommend changes. Motion carried.  
Section: 111-3.a): motion made by Sheridan supported by Conaway to approve the recommended changes. Motion carried  
Section: 111-3.e) Motion made by VandeVusse supported by Sheridan to approve the recommended changes. Motion carried  
Section; V-3.1.: Motion made by Teachworth supported by Bose to approve the recommend changes. Motion carried.

Section: V-3.2.: Motion made by Conaway supported by Sheridan to approve the recommended changes. Motion carried.

Section: V-3.4.: Motion made by Bose supported by Conaway to approve the recommended changes.. Motion carried.

**c. Group A and Group B Nominating Committee Appointments for Board Representative.**

- 1) Group A appointment by Myers to Nominating Committee: Deb Bose (ng)
- 2) Group B appointment by Myers to Nominating Committee: Claire Sheridan (os)
- 3) Group A Caucuses appointed two members to Nominating Committee: Donna Clark (ec) and Lois Lovell(es)
- 4) Group B Caucuses appointed two members to Nominating Committee: Bob VandeVusse (af) and Eleanor Holwarth (bh)

**10. Member Announcements:**

- Lovell(es) reported that the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Business Expo would be Sat. Mar, 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Nordin (nh) announced her retirement and that Kay Brennan would be the next director.
- Feriby(sm) reported that they have publicly announced their capital campaign.
- Myers (og) thanked Marty Feriby for allowing her staff to do a Dewey Workshop.
- Bruusema reminded the group of the Alliance FOML workshops on April 27<sup>th</sup> (Friends) and 28<sup>th</sup> (Trustees) at the Kentwood Library.
- VanderWagen announced that the new screens for the Classic OPAC will be going live: Monday, Mar. 14<sup>th</sup>. URL: [sam.ilcoop.org:2082](http://sam.ilcoop.org:2082)
- Sheridan (os) reported that Grand Haven had hired a new director.
- Bose (nf) shared with the group that part of Ensley Township was going for a millage vote on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**11. Next scheduled meeting: May 5, 201, 9:30 a.m.@ Grant Area District Library**

**12. Adjournment: 11:27 a.m.**

Submitted by,  
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