

**SUPERIORLAND LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
QUARTERLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Location: Heritage Room, PWPL, 217 N Front St., Marquette MI 49855

Wednesday March 13, 2024

10 AM Central /11AM Eastern

Call to Order:

Anne Donohue, Vice Chair, SLC Board of Trustees called the 13th of March 2024 regular Board meeting of the SLC Board of Directors to order at 11:00 AM EDT.

Attendance: 5/9 Quorum present

SLC Voting Board Members Present (representing/location): Anne Donohue (Peter White/Marquette), Marion Luckey (Munising/Munising), Blair Nelson (Spies/Menominee), Eyre Becker (Negaunee/Negaunee), Daryl Orr (Superior District Library/Sault Ste. Marie).

SLC Board Members Present: None.

SLC Board Members Attending Virtually: Jennifer Donovan (Portage Lake District Library), Anne Billiard (Alanson Area Public Library).

SLC Voting Board Members Attending Virtually: None.

SLC Staff Present: Dillon Geshel, Director and Pamela Malmsten, Assistant Director for Finance

Members of the Public Present: Megan Buck (Dickinson County Library), Jessica Luther (Alpena County Library), Katrina Linde-Moriarty (Portage Lake District Library); Linda Blanchard (Curtis Public Library).

Approval of the Agenda:

Anne Donohue, Vice Chair, asked for approval of the agenda. Marion Luckey asked that the board add a Nominating Committee Report under Committee Reports E. Marion Luckey moved to approve the agenda with the addition, seconded by Eyre Becker. Motion approved.

Approval of the Minutes:

Anne Donohue, Vice Chair, called for the approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of December 13, 2023. Motion by Marion Luckey, seconded by Blair Nelson to approve the December 13, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion approved.

Director's Report:

Dillon Geshel highlighted several items from his director's report. He shared that Superiorland has received their first 50% state aid payment for the year. Dillon was in Washington, D.C. last week with a delegation of library advocates to meet with legislators and advocate for more federal funds for libraries. He also shared that he will be visiting libraries in Ishpeming, Ontonagon and Alpena next week for board meetings and board trainings. Dillon also shared that all 9 voting board members have sworn and had notarized their oaths of office.

Financial Report: Pam Malmsten

FY 2023/2024 Cash disbursements, Year to Date Reports and Balance Sheet:

Motion made by Eyre Becker, seconded by Blair Nelson to accept the December 2023, January 2024 and February 2024 cash disbursements, expenses and revenues reported as of February 29, 2024, and the balance sheet as of February 29, 2024. Motion approved.

Public Participation:

None.

Committee Reports:

A. Advisory Board of Librarians: Katrina Linde-Moriarty, Advisory Board of Librarians (ABL) Chair, reported that the ABL group met last Tuesday and had five library directors present. The meeting included a short presentation from Melinda Meyers at We Energies, which offers free gardening based webinars for libraries to use with summer programming. The group also discussed committee reports and other Superiorland board agenda items.

B. Program Committee: Dillon Geshel reported that the work of scheduling authors and performers for summer events at member libraries continues. There are 8 events scheduled with author Bonnie Jo Campbell and 13 events scheduled with The Alans, a husband and wife magician team. Angie Jackson, an author and mixologist, will be visiting 7 of our libraries for summer events.

C. Professional Development Committee: Dillon Geshel shared that the committee is scheduled to meet next Tuesday to discuss topics and dates for the 2024 deLIBeration events. The committee will also be discussing the possibility of another summer event with the Michigan Library Association, which we have hosted annually in the Upper Peninsula for the last two years. Dillon also shared that the in-person February events at the Dickinson County Library, Portage Lake District Library, and Pickford Community Library went very well. Each library hosted a staff development day that was open to other Superiorland and UPRLC libraries, with presentations from Dillon Geshel, Laura Warren-Gross of the Midwest Collaborative for Library Services, and others.

D. UPRLC Annual Conference Committee: Dillon Geshel shared that the dates are September 25 and 26 at Bay College in Escanaba. The Escanaba Public Library will be hosting an evening reception on September 25. The call for proposals, vendors and sponsors has been published and we already have 4 proposals and 4 sponsors registered. When the committee is ready to open registration, they intend to first give priority to the UPRLC and Superiorland membership before opening up registration state-wide. Anne Donohue asked how much time the membership would have to sign-up before registration is open state-wide, and Dillon Geshel noted the committee can decide this at their next meeting.

E. Nominating Committee: Marion Luckey shared that when the nominating committee was last active, she served as Chair and other committee members included Brad Winnicki, Anne Donohue and possibly one other board member. Marion Luckey, Anne Donohue, Daryl Orr and Eyre Becker offered to join the committee. Eyre shared that if Brad Winnicki would like to remain on the Nominating Committee, she would be willing to step down. The committee will meet as needed alongside the Board of Directors election this summer. Dillon Geshel shared that he will begin outreach to libraries about 2024 elections for the Board of Directors this month.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

A. Curtis Public Library Resolution to Join Superiorland: Motion made by Eyre Becker to approve the resolution to accept the Curtis Public Library as a full member of the Superiorland Library Cooperative, seconded by Daryl Orr, motion approved.

B. Approval of Amended Administrative Policies: Marion moved to approve the amended administrative policies with further detail added to the table of contents, seconded by Blair Nelson, motion approved.

C. Letter of Support for the Freedom to Read: Anne Donohue and Eyre Becker expressed that they are happy to have a resource like this to share with member libraries. Dillon will share the letter with member library directors and let them know it is available should their libraries need it.

D. Approval of FY 2023/2024 Budget Revision: A FY 2023/2024 proposed budget revision was presented to the board. Pam Malmsten summarized the line-item revisions. The travel expense line-item (account 3-860) was increased by \$1,200 and the professional and contractual line-item (account 3-801) was increased by \$815. Other line-item changes were less than \$500. Total revenues in the proposed revised budget are \$968,530 and total expenses are \$996,446. There were no changes to the previously approved designated fund balance transfers (\$25,500 total).

Motion made by Marion Luckey, seconded by Daryl Orr to approve of the FY 2023/2024 Budget Revision, motion approved.

Public Participation:

Megan Buck, Director at the Dickinson County Library shared that it may be beneficial to have the current Superiorland board members reach out to libraries without representatives, to speak to their local library board about the time commitment, the responsibilities, and the benefits of having a board representative and a voting board member with Superiorland. They can also help answer questions from the perspective of someone with experience on the Superiorland board. Megan also thanked Dillon Geshel for participating in the Dickinson staff training day in February.

Katrina-Linde Moriarty, Director at the Portage Lake District Library shared that they were very grateful for the support from Superiorland to purchase refreshments at their February staff training event. Those funds made it possible for the library to open the event to other Superiorland and UPRLC libraries.

Linda Blanchard, Director at the Curtis Public Library thanked the board for accepting the library as a full member of Superiorland and expressed her appreciation.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 12:13PM made by Blair Spies, seconded by Eyre Becker. Motion passed.

Next meeting: Wednesday June 12, 2024 at 10:00 AM Central Time/11:00 AM Eastern Time.

