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**Lapeer District Library
Regular Meeting of October 16, 2025
Lapeer American Legion
Minutes**

25R.10.01 Call to Order: by Kari Kohlman
25R.10.02 Roll Call:

Bonnie Lawrence	County (Elba Township)	12/31/2028	Present
Kari Kohlman	County (Deerfield Township)	12/31/2027	Present
Peggy Brotzke	Lapeer Township	12/31/2028	Present
John DeAngelis	County (Metamora Township)	12/31/2027	Present
Perry Valle	County (Metamora Township)	12/31/2025	Present
Carol Brown	Mayfield Township	12/31/2025	Present
Bill Marquardt	City of Lapeer	12/31/2026	Absent

Quorum is 4. There are 6 Board members present.

Also present are T. Denney (Library Counsel), Kara Haight (Assistant Director for Technical Services), Alexis Caringi (deAngeli Branch Manager), Julie Oparka (Head of Adult Services) and members of the press and approximately 30 members of the community.

PRAYER/PLEDGE – Led by board member.

25R.10.03 Additions/Deletions/Approval of Agenda: Peggy Brotzke moved to add discussion of LDL leaving ALA and MLA to New Business. John DeAngelis motioned to approve, Peggy Brotzke seconded. Motion passed.

25R.10.04 Bonnie Lawrence noted a correction that was needed, she is not representing Marathon Township but Elba Township. John DeAngelis motioned to approve, Peggy Brotzke seconded. Motion passed.

25R.10.05 Public Comments: Approx. 10 community members spoke.

Board Reports:

25R.10.06 Treasurer: Perry Valle, board treasurer, moved to pay bills from September 19, 2025 – October 16, 2025: Checks 15795-15823 from General Checking for \$55,833.35; from Online Bill Pay for \$16,960.07; and Payroll Checking for \$141,203.89 for a grand total of \$213,997.31. Perry Valle motioned to pay the bills, John DeAngelis seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

25R.10.07 Finance Perry Valle made a motion to move \$100,000 from contingency to make a payment to the MERS supplemental payment. John DeAngelis seconded. Motion passed.

25R.10.08 Policies & Bylaws All policies have been reviewed and recommendations have been made to counsel. Peggy Brotzke made the motion to dissolve the policies and bylaws ad hoc committee. John DeAngelis seconded

25R.10.09 Personnel (Director Search) John DeAngelis shared they have talked to about 70 applicants from around the country. Hoping to have interviews with 2 candidates from Michigan and one from Kentucky. No interviews are planned yet.

Lapeer County Report:

25R.10.10 No report given.

Unfinished Business:

25R.10.11 Book Purchasing/Ordering Peggy Brotzke motioned to vote on Proposed Motion Language Regarding Material Acquisitions. Carol Brown seconded. Discussion involving the new Department Heads Julie Oparka and Alexis Caringi, their background and experience with collection development and how the process of book ordering for all departments would be done, including information from Kara Haight on budget and ordering through the end of the year. Peggy Brotzke withdraw her motion and Carol Brown withdrew her second.

New Business:

25R.10.12 New Department Head & deAngeli Branch Manager introduction – Julie Oparka & Alexis Carnigi Introductions given and further discussion of their experience.

25R.10.13 Proposed Motion Language for Patron Behavior Policy Amendments (Regarding Unattended Children) – Requires Action Kari Kohlman read the proposed motion. Perry Valle expressed that the motion should have been available to the public before the meeting. Discussion about adding the board packet to the LDL website when it is approved. Peggy Brotzke motioned to approve the language, Carol Brown seconded. Motion passed.

- 25R.10.14 Ameriprise Corporate Resolution – Requires Action** Kara Haight read and explained the resolution. Peggy Brotzke motioned to approve. Seconded by Perry Valle. Motion passed.
- 25R.10.15 LDL Host for 2026 MMLC Board meeting – Requires Action** Perry Valle motioned to approve. Seconded by John DeAngelis. Motion passed.
- 25R.10.16 Holiday Schedule 2026 – Action Required** John DeAngelis motioned to approve. Seconded by Perry Valle. Motion passed.
- 25R.10.17 Board Meeting Schedule – Action Required** Due to bylaws, 2026 schedule cannot be set until January 2026 meeting. Kari Kohlman moved to table the motion until January 2026 meeting.
- 25R.10.18 LDL leaving ALA and MLA – Discussion** Peggy Brotzke shared her concern about some aspects of ALA and MLA policy. Kara Haight and Alexis Carangi shared their experience with ALA and MLA training. Peggy Brotzke passed out a proposed motion.

Staff Reports

- 25R.10.19 Assistant Director for Technical Services** A written report was submitted. Kara Haight spoke about the closure of library vendor Baker & Taylor and new ILL system Polaris.
- 25R.10.20 Director** No director at this time.

Communications:

- 25R.10.21** October/November Newsletter
- 25R.10.22** September Circulation Report
- 25R.10.23** Proposed holiday schedule
- 25R.10.24** Proposed Board Meeting schedule
- 25R.10.25** Proposed Motion Language for Patron Behavior Policy Amendments

Friends Report (3-6-9-12)

- 25R.10.26** No report.
- 25R.10.27 Board Comments or Request for Information:** None.

MMLC Report:

- 25R.10.28** No report given.
- 25R.10.29 Public Comments:** 5 community members spoke.
- 25R.10.30 Adjournment:** Peggy Brotzke motioned to adjourn at 12:00 PM. John DeAngelis seconded. Motion passed.

**Regular Meeting:
Lapeer American Legion Post
November 20, 2025
10:00 A.M.**

Kara Haight – Recorder

Peggy Brotzke – Secretary

Kari Kohlman– Chair