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**Lapeer District Library  
Regular Meeting of November 20, 2025  
Lapeer American Legion  
Minutes**

**25R.11.01 Call to Order:** by Kari Kohlman

**25R.11.02 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	Present

**Quorum is 4. There are 7 Board members present.**

Also present are T. Denney (Library Counsel), Kara Haight (Assistant Director for Technical Services), members of the press and approximately 30 members of the community.

**PRAYER/PLEDGE** – Led by board member.

**25R.11.03 Additions/Deletions/Approval of Agenda:** Peggy Brotzke motioned to approve, Carol Brown seconded. Motion passed.

**25R.11.04 Public Comments:** 6 community members spoke.

**Board Reports:**

**25R.11.05 Treasurer:** Perry Valle, board treasurer, moved to pay bills from October 17, 2025 – November 20, 2025: Checks 15825-15843 from General Checking for \$33,215.51; from Online Bill Pay for \$8,409.39; and Payroll Checking for \$95,026.01 for a grand total of \$136,650.91. Perry Valle motioned to pay the bills, Bill Marquardt seconded. Motion passed.

### **Committee Reports:**

**25R.11.06 Finance** Finance Committee met on Monday, November 17. Not expecting any large issues going into the end of 2025.

**25R.11.07 Personnel (Director Search)** John DeAngelis shared they have had 96 people apply, but there are issues getting people to either move states or because of the controversy in Lapeer. Discussion around a signing bonus. John DeAngelis shared from the feedback from the service, money wasn't an issue.

### **Lapeer County Report:**

**25R.11.08** No report given.

### **Unfinished Business:**

**25R.11.09 Motion to schedule first meeting of 2026 -Action Required** Bill Marquardt motioned to approve, Peggy Brotzke seconded. Motion passed.

**25R.11.10 Motion to remove LDL from its ALA membership -Action Required** Discussion about ALA membership. Perry Valle shared that all Michigan libraries are members of ALA and LDL does not pay for membership, only individual staff members in the past but not currently.

Peggy Brotzke motions to remove LDL from ALA membership, John DeAngelis seconded. Roll call vote: Bonnie Lawrence – no, Kari Kohlman – yes, Peggy Brotzke – yes, John DeAngelis -yes, Perry Valle – no, Carol Brown- yes, Bill Marquardt- no. The motion passes.

**25R.11.11 Motion to amend Material Selection Policy regarding ALA -Action required only if motion to dissolve ALA membership motion is passed**

Peggy Brotzke motions to amend Material Selection Policy regarding ALA, John DeAngelis seconded. Roll call vote: Bonnie Lawrence – no, Kari Kohlman – yes, Peggy Brotzke – yes, John DeAngelis -yes, Perry Valle – no, Carol Brown- yes, Bill Marquardt- no. The motion passes.

### **New Business:**

**25R.11.12 2026 Family Literacy Contract for Programs -Action Required** Kara Haight shared the cost and number of programs for 2026 will stay the same as in 2025, 20 programs for \$24,800. Bill Marquardt made a motion to approve the contract, Peggy Brotzke seconded the motion. The motion passed. Bonnie Lawrence abstained from voting due to her being on the Family Literacy Center board.

**25R.11.13 Permission to open Columbiaville Branch December 7, 2025 from 12 pm to 4 pm for the Columbiaville Community Christmas – Action Required** Perry Valle made a motion to approve the branch being open on 12/7, Carol Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- 25R.11.14 Permission to open Metamora Branch December 7, 2025 for the Metamora Wassailing Celebration– Action Required**  
Perry Valle made a motion to approve the branch being open on 12/7, John DeAngelis seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- 25R.11.15 Motion to amend Article VI section 5 of Bylaws, reorganize agenda for board regular meetings** Moved to discussion only, motion will be presented at the next meeting.
- 25R.11.16 Motion to amend Article VI Section 5 of Bylaws, remove “Lapeer County Report” from agenda on regular board meetings** Moved to discussion only. Kari Kohlman will reach out to Lapeer County Commissioners to see if we have a representative and if they would like to give the board updates at their meetings.
- 25R.11.17 Motion to amend FOIA fee policy** Moved to discussion only. motion will be presented at the next meeting.
- 25R.11.18 Motion to add full board packet to LDL website** Moved to discussion only.
- 25R.11.19 Polaris ILS System -Discussion** Peggy Brotzke had a question about notification setting in new LDL system Polaris for children’s accounts.
- 25R.11.20 Community Concerns -Discussion** Peggy Brotzke shared screenshots of the YA title *Me, Earl and the Dying Girl* from the LDL website. Shared that the reviews she found did she did not believe they were layered enough. Question about using Common Sense Media.

#### **Staff Reports**

- 25R.11.21 Assistant Director for Technical Services** A written report was submitted. Kara Haight spoke about how the process of ordering new materials was going and upcoming Polaris training.
- 25R.11.22 Director** No director at this time.

#### **Communications:**

- 25R.11.23** November/December Newsletter
- 25R.11.24** October Circulation Report
- 25R.11.25** Columbiaville Community Christmas information
- 25R.11.26** Metamora Wassailing Celebration information

#### **Friends Report (3-6-9-12)**

- 25R.11.27** No report.
- 25R.11.28** Two board members gave comment.

#### **MMLC Report:**

**25R.11.29** No report given.

**25R.11.30** **Public Comments:** 8 community members spoke.

**25R.11.31** **Adjournment:** Bill Marquardt motioned to adjourn at 12:18 PM. Perry Valle seconded. Motion passed.

**Regular Meeting:  
Lapeer American Legion Post  
December 18, 2025  
10:00 A.M.**

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Kara Haight – Recorder

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Peggy Brotzke – Secretary

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Kari Kohlman– Chair