Leach Public Library
March 27, 2025

Library Board President, Judy Oren, called the meeting to order at 4:02.

Members Present: Judy Oren, Kelly McNary, Simone Sandberg, and Deb Loberg
Members Absent: Jeena Kompelien
Also Present: Melissa Bakken Leach Public Library Director
Conflict of Interest: None
Additions to the Agenda: Update on Plaster Repair

A motion to accept the February 2025 minutes was made by Ms. Sandberg and seconded by Mr. McNary. The motion passed.

1. Friends of the Library (FOTL) – The next meeting for the FOTL will be held on May 14, 2025.

2. Physical Plant – Darrel Schreiber from Comstock Construction contacted Library Director Ms. Bakken about the interior plaster repair. He stated he had another contractor to bid the plaster repair project. The previous bid was $85,568. He and the second contractor, Fergus Drywall, visited the building on Thursday March 13, 2025. By the end of the day they had submitted a bid of $48,550. This is $37,018 less than the last bid. This change was attributed to the fact that the contractor would be able to handle both aspects of the repair (plaster and painting) without having to move his equipment.

3. Library Operations – The February Monthly and Expenditure Reports were reviewed. The reports showed an average month with no unusual expenditures. The Take and Make projects were passed out due to Ms. Kercher being on vacation. She will return on March 24, 2025.

4. Old Business –

- The North Dakota Library Coordinating Council (NDLCC) denied Wahpeton's Leach Public Library's request for a grant. The NDLCC had a high response rate.
- Library Director Ms. Bakken spoke with Don Wald about getting signage to reserve two parking spots to be allocated for Library patrons on 2nd Avenue. Mr. Wald will ask Police Chief Anderson for approval and then signage could be purchased and installed.
- The Leach Public Library (LPL) held a Scam Awareness class led by Officer Page. It had light attendance but there were good questions and conversation. Ms. Bakken has sent a thank you note to Office Page.
- SB2307 amended First Engrossment passed the Senate with a vote of 27-20.

5. New Business -

- The LPL received an Excelling Level Award from the North Dakota State Library (NDSL). LPL is one of only four libraries to receive this level statewide. Congratulations to our librarians.
- LPL was closed on March 15 due to the weather forecast and to ice problems. The back and side doors could not be opened and the front steps were very slippery.
- Ms. Bakken presented the LPL's plastering and painting bid to the Wahpeton Public Works and Finance Committee. They approved the expenditure at the March 25, 2025 meeting.
- The SB2307 went to the House Judiciary committee on Tuesday March 25, 2025. The committee passed the bill 12-1. The bill (Second Engrossment) now has a fiscal note attached to

determine the cost of adding age verification processing to all the online databases, including Libby. Currently the cost has been estimated to be $2 million per year.

- The State Librarian Mary Soucie has a North Dakota State Library (NDSL) podcast segment scheduled with Library Director Bakken on April 8, 2025.

Library Board President Judy Oren adjourned the meeting at 4:39.

* The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 24, 2025 at 4:00.