



**37th Annual Meeting
September 30, 2015 – 6:00 PM – LHC**

MINUTES

I. Welcome & Introductions

Pamela Yameen, President

LHC Board President, Pamela Yameen, welcomed guests and thanked them for their efforts in making the year a success.

II. Business Meeting

A. Call to Order

Pamela Yameen

B. Secretary's Report

Karen Van Welden Herman, Secretary

a. Approval of the Minutes, October 1, 2014

The minutes from the meeting on October 1, 2014 were unanimously approved, with no opposition.

C. Treasurer's Report

Ellen Minzner, Treasurer

a. Approval of FY2015 Treasurer's Report

The FY2015 Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved, with no opposition.

D. Report from Nominating Committee

Kathleen Curry, Vice President
Karen Van Welden Herman, Secretary

Kathleen Curry, LHC Vice President, spoke favorably about our talented staff and engaged Board of Directors, giving due credit to President Pamela Yameen for her extraordinary leadership this past year. Board members Whimpper Barahona and Rich Padova agreed to sign on for new three year terms and three new board directors were brought on (Mike Hearn, Mark Cutler, and Mark Svendsen). The Board is currently identifying its needs and will consider appointing additional members as plans for 2016 unfold.

a. Recognition of Outgoing Board Members

Jim Beauchesne and Joseph Bella were presented with gifts in recognition for years of service to the LHC board.

b. Approval of Board Slate

i. Call for nominations

Hearing no new nominations, the LHC Board Slate for 2015-2016 was unanimously approved, with no opposition.

III. FY2015 Director's Report

Susan Grabski

With the adjournment of the business meeting, LHC Director Susan Grabski thanked the LHC Board of Directors for the generosity and talent, the LHC staff and volunteers, as well as, all those who supported the operations and programs of the History Center throughout the year. She highlighted major accomplishments of the organization from the LHC *Annual Report, 2014 | 2015* (<http://www.lawrencehistory.org/annualreport/fy2015>).

Amita Kiley, Collection Manager, also addressed the group and thanked our volunteers and interns for their help and shared some insights about our collections.

Voices of the Rising Loaves: Led by LHC board member/program co-director Mary Guerrero, our guest presenters were students and writing leaders from our first Lawrence Student Writers Workshop – Andover Bread Loaf at the Lawrence History Center aka *The Rising Loaves*. Students shared their work from the summer session and we also heard from parents about how the program impacted both their and their child's lives.

We thank our membership for their ongoing support and look forward to another great year in 2016!

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Herman, LHC Board Secretary