

**Pinellas Public Library Cooperative  
Library Directors Advisory Council  
Regular Monthly Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**June 8, 2020 – Meeting Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting**

**LDAC Member Attendance:**

- Jen Obermaier, Clearwater
- Phyllis Gorshe, Dunedin
- Lois Eannel, East Lake
- Vince Gadrix, Gulf Beaches
- Dave Mather, Gulfport
- Casey McPhee, Largo
- Susan Hurley, Oldsmar
- Gene Coppola, Palm Harbor
- Angela Pietras, Pinellas Park
- Lisa Kothe, Safety Harbor

- Betcinda Kettells, St. Pete Beach
- Mika Nelson, St. Petersburg
- Lorie Tonti, Seminole
- Cari Rupkalvis, Tarpon Springs

**PPLC Staff Attendance:**

- Cheryl Morales, Executive Director
- David Stoner, Technology Coordinator
- Gary Earl, PPLC Countywide Services Coordinator

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1. Susan called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

**2. Roll Call:**

Present: Jen Obermaier, Phyllis Gorshe, Lois Eannel, Vince Gadrix, Dave Mather, Casey McPhee, Susan Hurley, Angela Pietras, Lisa Kothe, Betcinda Kettells, Lori Tonti, Cari Rupkalvis, Cheryl Morales, David Stoner, Gary Earl.

Absent: Gene Coppola, Mika Nelson.

Guest: n/a

Public Attendees: n/a

3. **Acceptance of Minutes: May 11, 2020 Minutes:** Betcinda made a motion to accept the minutes. Lois seconded.

**4. SIG Meeting Reports:**

Youth SIG: Jen said the general conversation was about virtual programming and how people are doing it.

5. **Old Business: None**

## 6. New Business

### Reopening roundtable:

- **Donations:** East Lake is the only library taking donations at this time.
- **Curbside Service:** Most of the libraries are still providing curbside service even though there has been a little bit of a drop off in this activity. If not actively promoting, they at least provide the service if it is requested by patrons.
- **Homebound Service:** Safety Harbor continues to provide homebound service. It has been opened up to anyone who is uncomfortable coming to the library during the Covid crisis. A single staff member makes the deliveries.
- **Operating Hours:** Most of the libraries have no plans to go back to regular hours anytime soon. Basically because of no in-house programs or meetings being offered that normally bring in a lot of visitors. Some of the libraries are considering hours increases in August or in conjunction with the beginning of the school year.
- **Computer Usage:** Most of the libraries report slow or minimal computer usage.
- **Daily Closings:** Pinellas Park is reducing the number hours closed in the middle of the day from two to one. Angela thinks this will be phased out by the end of June. Tarpon Springs currently closes for two hours but is looking to reduce to one. Jen plans to send out a poll to staff on whether or not to keep the daily closings. Dunedin has the same closing procedures as Clearwater. They close one hour, twice a day. Seminole closes two separate hours per day. The directors from these libraries say that staff think the closings are useful and are well liked by them.
- **In-House Programming:** None planned for summer. Some libraries plan to assess the situation to permit programming and meeting room use for September.

## 7. PPLC Topics

Staff Development Day: Cheryl proposed holding a virtual Staff Development Day this year. The event would take half a day, three or four hours. Afterward, each library would hold its own in-house programs. There would be one keynote speaker followed by one or two other general speakers that all staff would benefit from, such as customer service. The general consensus was that staff, system-wide have already been engaged with online webinars and trainings during the closures and that this may be a little too much. Also, most agreed that getting together at a physical location was something beneficial for the staff. The group decided to postpone. This will be revisited in the winter.

Program Guide: Cheryl said they're playing by ear and waiting for actual physical programs to start in house. She said they didn't have much to print. The group agreed to postpone.

Teen Mosaic: Teen Mosaic will be conducted virtually. PPLC has been in touch with the Youth Services SIG and will start accepting entries on Jun 22 though August 21. The

Reading with the Rays program is virtual this year. Participants download game card and send in when complete. Libraries can print these cards out but would have to figure out how to get cards back to the Rays.

**8. PPLC Board Meeting - LDAC Chair Report:** Meeting cancelled, no report.

**9. Public Comment:** None

**10. Announcements from PPLC Libraries (10 minutes):** None

During this segment of the meeting, the group discussed whether or not the July LDAC meeting would discuss the system's proposed Fine Free Policy or vote on it. At the June meeting, the group decided to move the vote up from the October to July. There was a concern by some that July would not offer enough time for director's to meet with city officials to discuss the potential policy implementation and that there is a lack of detail for the policy given there is not a general consensus on it. Most agreed that since implementation would be another year out that moving the vote back to October would be permissible.

**11. Adjournment:** 3:29 p.m.

**Next LDAC meeting: Monday, August 10th at 2:00 p.m.  
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting**

Respectfully submitted,  
Vincent Gadrix, LDAC Secretary