

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

MINUTES

September 14, 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

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, Gene Coppola, Angela Pietras, Lisa Kothe, Betcinda Kettells, Mika Nelson, Cari Rupkalvis, Cheryl Morales, David Stoner, Gary Earl.

Absent: Lori Tonti

3. SIG Meeting Reports: None

4. Acceptance of Minutes: August 10, 2020 Minutes: Lois made a motion to accept the minutes and Gene seconded.

5. SIG Meeting Reports: None

6. Old Business:

Review of LDAC board and SIG representatives for FY21:

Vince will be Chairperson.

Betcinda will be Vice-Chairperson

Angela will be Secretary.

Susan - Cat SIG

Jen - E-content SIG

Lois will either partner with Lori or Angela for Youth SIG.
Phyllis - ILS SIG
Casey - Adult Services SIG
Lisa - Circ CIG

7. New Business

October meeting schedule/moving vote on Fine Free to November: Most of the directors said they would be prepared to hold a formal vote on this policy at November LDAC meeting. The group agreed to hold the vote at that time. A majority vote by LDAC would implement the policy. Details such as when the policy will be implemented, dates, renewals, a marketing plan, etc., will be discussed at the October meeting. Given financial shortfalls in some municipalities due to Covid-19, several of the directors are doing follow ups with administrators concerning the policy change.

Request to add East Lake's HoldIt locker as a branch library: Lois said the lockers will be delivered in a few weeks. David has worked with Sirsi and they have set up a new pick up location for the materials that will be placed in the lockers. When East Lake patrons put a hold on materials, they will select the lockers as the pick up location.

8. PPLC Topics: None

Cheryl did say that they are still tweaking the staff login on the new PPLC website and that information will be sent when ready.

9. PPLC Board Meeting - LDAC Chair Report:

The board met on August 26th. They discussed financial committee reports. A St. Pete resident had written a letter to PPLC about the relationship between school libraries and public libraries. One of the board members asked Susan if the county libraries have contact with local school librarians. Most of the directors said they have worked with local school librarians but do to Covid-19 these collaborations have basically stopped. The board also talked about trying to get someone from the school board to attend the PPLC Board meetings. Susan said that the board thanked libraries who are participating in mask distribution.

10. Public Comment: None

11. Announcements from PPLC Libraries (10 minutes):

Phyllis asked if anyone had read a recent ProQuest email about special pricing with Ancestry, Heritage, Fold3 and Newspapers.com. Cheryl said that TBLC doesn't get involved with group buys anymore and she would reach out to ProQuest to see what type of pricing is available. Some of the directors said they would be interested in a group purchase at NewsBank.

Jen said that Clearwater main branch will be closed starting September 25th. They have a lot to do before construction begins on October 13th. The library will remain closed until November 2021. The library collection will be masked so no holds can be placed.

Phyllis said that the TBLC annual meeting is Friday, September 18th and the FLA virtual conference will be October 28th-29th.

St. Pete Beach will be getting new furniture for its renovation. Betcinda said an assortment of used furniture and shelving will be available to any interested parties.

12. Adjournment: 3:16 p.m.

**Next LDAC meeting: Monday, October 12th at 2:00 p.m.
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting**

Respectfully submitted,
Vincent Gadrix, LDAC Secretary