

**Pinellas Public Library Cooperative
Library Directors Advisory Council
Regular Monthly Meeting
OFFICIAL MINUTES
April 12, 2021– Meeting Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting**

LDAC Member Attendance:

- ✓ Jen Obermaier, Clearwater
- ✓ Phyllis Gorshe, Dunedin
- ✓ Lois Eannel, East Lake
- ✓ Vince Gadrix, Gulf Beaches (Chair)
- ✓ 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, PPLC Executive Director
- ✓ David Stoner, PPLC Technology Coordinator
Gary Earl, PPLC Countywide Services Coordinator

Other Guests:

- ✓ Jane Lingle, Librarian, Oldsmar
- ✓ Tricia Smith, Community & Staff Engagement
Librarian, St. Petersburg

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1. Vince called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.
 2. **Roll Call** – Members present to create a quorum at the time of roll call included Jen Obermaier, Phyllis Gorshe, Lois Eannel, Vince Gadrix, (Chair), Dave Mather, Casey McPhee, Gene Coppola, Angela Pietras, Lisa Kothe, and Cari Rupkalvis. Libraries not represented by voting members at the time of roll call were Oldsmar, Seminole, St. Petersburg, and St. Pete Beach. Lorie Tonti logged in at 1:35 pm. PPLC staff members in attendance were Cheryl Morales and David Stoner. Jane Lingle from Oldsmar Library and Tricia Smith from St. Petersburg Libraries were also in attendance as guests.
 3. **Approval of March 2021 Minutes** – Motion made by Phyllis to approve; seconded by Jen. Minutes approved.
 4. **SIG Reports - YS Sig** – Brief discussion that Pinellas County Schools plans to inform students that they can return school library materials to our public libraries; these items can be routed to PPLC in the courier as usual.
 5. **Old Business - Recap of Fine-Free Policy** – Nothing new; clarification that account blocking of access to electronic resources would be limited just to Overdrive. Adding relevant policy updates to PPLC Circulation Policy for approval at annual review.
 6. **New Business**
 - A. Annual Review of Circulation Policy – Lisa and Cheryl led a walk-through of suggested additions and updates. The overdue notice and billing timelines were updated and a special section defining fines and fees was added to cover the transition to fine-free. A brief section covering basic Overdrive limits was also added. Angela motioned approval of the updated policy; seconded by Casey. Motion carried.

B. Databases – Phyllis inquired if there was any desire to consider countywide subscription to New York Times online or the Mometrix test database. Cari also inquired if there was interest in BrainFuse as a lower cost alternative to Lynda.com. Angela mentioned Tampa Bay Times online. General consensus that pricing drives all shared subscriptions. Pinellas Park offers Gale’s “Peterson’s Test Prep” if libraries want to compare it to Mometrix. Cheryl shared that TBLC’s inquiry regarding group pricing for some resources had not been particularly advantageous.

7. PPLC Topics

- A. PPLC “Hours” Handout** –Reminder to send Cheryl unique informational tidbits that they’d like included.
- B. Budget Forecasting FY 2022**– Cheryl mentioned that the County is considering lowering the millage rate for unincorporated areas but that county tax revenues for PPLC distribution are expected to remain stable or possibly increase slightly due to rising property values.
- C. County Appreciation for Sign-Up Assistance with Vaccinations and Rental Assistance** – Cheryl will forward correspondence.
- D. PPLC Donate Web Page** – PPLC page will list all libraries; let Cheryl know what link you’d like included for your library for potential donors.

8. PPLC Board Meeting - LDAC Chair Report– nothing notable.

9. Public Comment: Tricia Smith reported that Main/Obama will be ceasing curbside service by the end of April. An alternative temporary facility that would allow for some Main/Obama service is being researched but TBD.

10. Announcements from PPLC Libraries – General brief discussion about hours still being in flux, increasing challenges to mask wearing, staff comfort levels, etc.

11. Having reached the end of the agenda, Vince **adjourned the meeting at 2:31 p.m.**

**Next LDAC meeting: Monday, June 14, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.
Location: Zoom**

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Pietras, LDAC Secretary