

**LAKELAND LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES – Official
Thursday, March 11, 2021
Via Zoom**

Council Members Present: Kerry Fountain, Britney Dillon and Heather Wood-Gramza
Staff Present: Carol Dawe, Sheryl VanderWagen, and Kelly Ann Schroeder

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 10:21 a.m. by Kerry Fountain (IS). There were 39 additional participants.
- 2) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Heather Wood-Gramza (OZ) moved, supported by Britney Dillon (IB), to approve the agenda as presented - *motion carried*.
- 3) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Lois Lovell (ES) announced her retirement at the end of March and introduced Merri Jo Tuinstra as the new director. There were no additional public comments.
- 4) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mattie Cook (MG) moved, supported by Lois Lovell (ES), to approve the Advisory Council minutes from February 11, 2020 as presented – *motion carried*.
- 5) **BOARD REPORT:** Dale Parus (IC) had nothing additional to report.
- 6) **ILS MANAGER'S REPORT:** Sheryl VanderWagen reminded everyone that several boards have decided to go fines free and to let her know if you also want to. Please get in touch with her and she will work through the requests on a first-come-first-served basis.
- 7) **COOPERATIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Carol Dawe referenced an NPR article and added that we are all thankfully still here. She congratulated everyone on doing a remarkable job during these unprecedented times. In her 3 years at Lakeland, she has seen 22 new directors come in. Being a dynamic organization is to our benefit.
- 8) **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** There were no comments or questions.
- 9) **OTHER REPORTS:**
 - a) MLA Board Representative Report – N/A
 - b) MLA Legislative Committee Report – Dale Parus shared that Lansing is doing a lot quickly and about some bills that would extend virtual meetings. Lakeland's April 8th meetings should be okay for virtual as they fall prior to the end of the pandemic order expiration. Shirley Bruursema (KDL) mentioned they will be meeting in person next month at KDL with an open meeting. Dale also reported that MLA is meeting to discuss ways to form coalitions with associations to have a similar voice at Lansing. There will also be additional funding from a Federal level that should help, and State Aid is holding steady. Shirley added that we may see an increase in funding, but they are not sure yet. Both talked about Advocacy Day coming up April 20th and encouraged everyone to participate. They also talked about the meeting with Peter Meijer, how he understands the issues, and he will be visiting with KDL and GRPL. If you get an opportunity to go, please do. Carol also wanted to thank Debbie Mikula at MLA for the outstanding job on getting contacts out on both the federal and state levels.
- 10) **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
 - a) BiblioCore Update – Carol said that things are ahead of schedule, surveys have gone out, and we hope to test later in March. Some questions came up about the survey and Sheryl gave some added info.
 - b) Video Games Circulation Discussion – Sheryl gave an update from the survey. Not a lot of member libraries have video games, but those who do are willing to share the older titles. She will work on codes, etc. after June 1st and she will be in touch later.
 - c) Fines and Quarantining Materials Discussion – Heather Wood-Gramza (OZ) gave a presentation with some quarantine info and suggested that it is “not if, but when” libraries will open, and discussion was had about this. Kerry reminded everyone that we've suspended fines systemwide for almost a year now. If you want your library to be fines free, reach out to Sheryl. She also

added that some libraries depend on these fines and asked everyone to share their views. The discussion was eventually broken down into 2 parts.

- i) Quarantine: After much discussion, Diane Kooiker moved, supported by Kelly Richards, for the Cooperative to cease quarantine of materials effective immediately but leaving individual libraries the option to continue quarantining as they see fit – *motion carried*.
- ii) Fines: After discussion which took staff and patrons into consideration, Amber McLain (OJ) moved, supported by Teresa Kline (AF), to continue the suspension of fines Cooperative-wide until September 1, 2021 – *motion carried*.
- d) Unique Management Discussion – Kerry asked if there was any data yet and Carol said it was a split decision with no majority. An ad hoc committee of Britney Dillon and Diane Kooiker was suggested, and they will revisit it and come back in April. They may do another survey.

11) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) Group Purchase Opportunities – Carol mentioned that she, Janet Cornell and Kelly Schroeder met and are working on how to make this a more systematic process. Please send ideas to Carol. She explained some details on ways Lakeland may facilitate, but also talked about using TLN as a first option outside of the Coop. This information will go up on the website for easier reference for member library staff.
- b) Caucus of A and B Libraries for Open Seat on LLC Board – The A and B libraries did a breakout session and brought forth 2 nominations: Maggie McKeithan (OS) and Jackilyn Roseberry (NF). After discussion, Maggie McKeithan (OS) was voted in to be the A & B representative on the Board effective at the April meeting.

12) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- a) Melissa Huisman (OH) is looking to sell their Tech Logic credit card reader. They are also having trouble with acquisitions and cataloging working together, as well as some short record issues. Carol said they can talk about it with Sheryl and Jeff.
- b) There were no additional public comments.

13) **NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, April 8, 2021 via Zoom following the Board Meeting.

14) **ADJOURNMENT:** Amber McLain (OJ) moved, supported by Karen McKinnon (AL), to adjourn at 11:54 a.m. - *motion carried*.

Respectfully submitted by,
Kelly Ann Schroeder