

**LAKELAND LIBRARY COOPERATIVE  
ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES – Unofficial  
Thursday, September 8, 2022, following the Board meeting  
Kent District Library Service Center**

Council Members Present: Britney Dillon (IB), Elyshia Hoekstra (OC), Mary Cook (OA)

Staff Present: Carol Dawe, Sheryl VanderWagen, Amber McLain, Jeff Lezman

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 10:38 a.m. by Chair, Britney Dillon. There were 25 additional participants.
- 2) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Jessica Hunt (NG) moved, supported by Mary Johnson (MADL), to approve the agenda as presented - *motion carried*.
- 3) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None
- 4) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
  - a) Cierra Bakovka (AW) moved, supported by Jessica Hunt (NG), to approve the Advisory Council minutes from August 11, 2022, as presented – *motion carried*.
- 5) **PRESENTATION:** Heather Wood-Gramza, Library of Michigan MeL Coordinator, gave a presentation on MeL resources, training and support offered by the Library of Michigan.
- 6) **BOARD REPORT:** Dale Parus gave a summary of the board activities at the previous meeting, pointing out specifically that the updated Plan of Service with the Bylaws were approved by the Board.
- 7) **ILS MANAGERS REPORT:**

Sheryl VanderWagen pointed out her written report. She also discussed the progress of the conversion of phone notices to MessageBee. She is working on getting an updated list of contacts from each library for the failed notifications and that she expects the new service to launch in the next couple of weeks. She also noted that with MessageBee there will no longer be an inbound service FROM patrons to get a list of items checked out or on hold. She is working with Dave VanderGraaf to schedule the cessation of that service. MessageBee will only be doing outbound calls on holds and overdues to patrons.
- 8) **MEMBER SERVICES MANAGER’S REPORT:**

Amber McLain reported that patron registration with PatronPoint is undergoing live testing with Georgetown Township Public Library, Muskegon Area District Library and Gary Byker Memorial Library. She reported that there will be a variety of training options for staff when this is ready to go live.
- 9) **COOPERATIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:**

Carol Dawe had nothing to add to her written report.
- 10) **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
  - a) Continuing Education Committee – The unofficial minutes of the August 25, 2022 meeting were included in the packet. Rob Bristow (OG) reported that there were 40 people in attendance at the recent Youth Services Fair held at the Georgetown Township Public Library.
  - b) Circulation Forum – The notes from the August 31, 2022 meeting were included in the packet.
- 11) **OTHER REPORTS:**

- a) MLA Legislative Committee Report – Shirley Bruursema (KDL) and Dale Parus (IC) reported that the Legislative Committee met on September 6. Shirley reported that there is very little legislative activity occurring between now and the November election but the committee expects to see more activity during the Lame Duck session after the election. Advocacy Day 2023 has been set for April 23, 2023. Dale Parus reported that they are not expecting activity on any major bills that will affect libraries. Activity in the Lame Duck session after the election will depend on the election outcome and which parties are in control following the election. He mentioned that on the Federal level, the Build Back Better plan in the Senate includes library construction projects so the committee is working on setting that up at the State level to receive those funds should that proposal be approved. He also reminded everyone that the MLA Annual Conference is a month away.

12) **ONGOING BUSINESS:**

- a) Intellectual Freedom – Carol asked for feedback on behalf of the Patmos Library on whether to proceed with filling their director position. There was also a question about whether hiding a book in the stacks is censorship. The group's opinion was that it was censorship but not a formal request for reconsideration of that book. One library reported that over \$300 worth of LGBTQ materials had gone missing from their collection, but the staff determined that the materials were removed by a teen who wanted those items personally, not by someone objecting to their presence in the library. Several libraries noted that they have received requests to reconsider the placement of a title or titles in the library but not for total removal. This is common.

13) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) Board Elections – Members of the Class IV and V/Georgetown libraries caucused to choose Board members for FY2022-2023. Maggie McKeithan (OS) will continue as the Class IV representative. Joe Zappacosta (SM) will become the new Class V/Georgetown representative. Peggy Hemerling will step down.
- b) Advisory Council Officer Elections: Nominees for Advisory Council officers for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 were: Chair – Mary Cook (OA), Vice-Chair – Kelly Tinkham (NN) and Secretary – Elyshia Hoekstra (OC). Motion by Kerry Fountain (IS), supported by Matt Lubbers-Moore (SF) to approve the slate of officers as presented – *motion carried*
- c) Unsuppression of Short Bibliographic Records – Sheryl VanderWagen and Jeff Lezman gave a summary of the Circulation Forum discussion regarding unsuppressing a test group of short bibliographic records used by LLC catalogers as work forms. Motion by Matt Lubber-Moore (SF), supported by Virginia DeMumbrum (SW) to have Lakeland set up a test of a group of short records for unsuppression in Bibliocommons and report back to the Advisory Council in November with a recommendation for unsuppressing the rest of the short records – *motion carried*

14) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- a) Cierra Bakovka reported that Henika District Library had earlier changed their fax policy to a donation determined by the patron. They have made that policy permanent. She invited everyone to attend their Open House, showcasing their recent renovations on Saturday, September 17, 10:00 – 2:00

- b) Kevin Wisniewski (MADL) reported that the Muskegon Area District Library has received funding through an LSTA grant to purchase a Tovertafel like the one located at the Howard Miller Library in Zeeland.
  - c) Stefanie Reed (MG) reported that the Flat River Community Library is doing a “show your library card” during Library Card Sign Up Month for a discount at selected businesses in Greenville modeled on the Spring Lake/Loutit programs.
  - d) Carol Dawe reported that the Loutit District Library has hired a search firm to conduct a search for their next director.
- 15) **NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, November 10, 2022, following the Board meeting at the Kent District Library Service Center. NOTE: No October Advisory Council meeting due to the Strategic Planning Summit to be held in October instead.
- 11) **ADJOURNMENT:** Cierra Bakovka (AW), supported by Mary Johnson (MADL) moved to adjourn at 12:02 a.m. - *motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted by,  
Sheryl VanderWagen