

**LAKELAND LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
ADVISORY COUNCIL OFFICIAL MINUTES
Thursday, November 10th, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.
Kent District Library Service Center**

Council Members Present: Mary Cook (OA), Elyshia Hoekstra (OC), Kelly Tinkham (NN)
Staff Present: Carol Dawe, Amber McLain

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chair, Mary Cook. There were 23 additional attendees.
- 2) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Lance Werner (KDL) moved, supported by Jennifer Salgat (IL), to approve the Advisory Council minutes from September as presented – *motion carried*.
- 3) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Jennifer Salgat (IL) shared that Lake Odessa won the excellence award from state librarian Randy Riley.
- 4) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Britney Dillon (IB) moved, supported by Stefanie Reed (MG), to approve the Advisory Council minutes from September 8, 2022 as presented – *motion carried*.
- 5) **BOARD REPORT**
 - a) Lance Werner made a statement in regard to the situation at Patmos library – Lakeland is waiting for direction from their board before releasing a statement. Lance also congratulated/consolated libraries based on their millage results.
 - b) *Intellectual Freedom:* From Lance Werner – The book-banning movement has escalated recently largely because it was used to energize a voting block for the November election. Lance contends that we may see a decrease as it has been proven to be an unfruitful political agenda; Lance also suggests role-playing on all levels of staff and officials; Lance also urges people to remember mental health in all of this.
 - c) Carol Dawe – the closing keynote speaker at MLA demonstrated how many people have dealt with intellectual freedom challenges.
- 6) **ILS MANAGER'S REPORT**
 - a) Beyond the written report provided in the board packet, Carol Dawe urged libraries to send Sheryl VanderWagen their phone number for MessageBee.
 - b) For LL OverDrive, Nicki will work with libraries to ensure that advantage accounts are turned on and being used.
 - c) For Transparent Language, Carol will be negotiating and prices will be coming next week; (Discussion ensued about group purchase process).
 - d) The ePay service on the old catalog has been canceled, so patrons will not be able to pay bills on encore.
- 7) **MEMBER SERVICES:** Patron point issues keep cropping up during the process of testing in the field – Amber is working with the testing libraries to identify issues before full rollout; Lakeland is the first consortium to use Patron point so new functionalities need to be coded and go through a lengthy troubleshooting process; For rollout, various types of training will be provided (live zoom meetings, in-person meetings, webinars, text tutorials, pictorial tutorials).
- 8) **COOPERATIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Strategic Planning meeting brought up a desire for regional library meetings – once the strategic plan is more stable we will start setting those up.
- 9) **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - a) CE – See minutes
 - b) Digital library – See Minutes
 - c) MLA – New chair is Dale Parus (IC). At their last meeting, the lobbyist gave a report regarding election predictions, though Debbie Mikula was on vacation so that was all. In the future – MI has the first democratically led government since the 80s, so now Library of MI feels it can have discussion about shelved wants and needs. Several bills that have been “on watch” by MLA are going to likely become actionable in the future. Language requiring faxing is limiting – discussion regarding solutions to this ensued. Dale Parus (IC) encouraged the use of MI Right to Read.
- 10) **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a) Approve committee chair and officers – voted, none opposed.

- b) Data snapshot review – included in packet for informational purposes. Carol Dawe urged members to consider their data needs to Lakeland may pivot as needed.

11) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- c) Jennifer Salgat (IL) asked about insurance needs regard to circulating power tools; Britney Dillon (IB) and Carol Dawe (LL) shared that the OverDrive group preferred to put further ARPA funds into OverDrive rather than Hoopla, as Hoopla accounts are all billed separately.

12) **NEXT MEETING:** Thursday December 8, 2022, 9:30 a.m. at Kent District Library Service Center

13) **ADJOURNMENT:** Mary Johnson (MADL) moved, supported by Ingrid Steen-Boyer (AS), to adjourn at 10:45 a.m. - *motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted by,
Amber McLain