

**Alberta Public Library Administrators Council
Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2021**

Attendance: Andrea Newland (Sylvan Lake), Rhonda O’Neill (Stettler), Michael Baird (Edson), Karla Palichuk (Yellowhead Regional), Kerri Danner (Valleyview), Haley Amendt (Parkland), Deb Cryderman (Grande Prairie), Michelle Toombs (Marigold Regional), Sharon Siga (Strathcona County), Katherine Wiebe (Peace Regional), Gayle Sacuta (Thorsby), Laura Taylor (Marigold), Tracy Deets (Beaverlodge), Megan Ginther (Carstairs), Elaine Dickie (Barrhead), Shelley Ross (Red Deer), Kirk MacLeod (LAA President), Olya Korolchuk (Parkland Regional), Laura Winton (Beaumont), Jennifer Laskosky (Yellowhead Regional), Leah Woodford (Bonnyville), Andrea Johnston (Cochrane), Susan Parkinson (Calmar), Mary Zazelenchuk (High River), Serena Boyte-Hawry (County of Grand Prairie), Lana Bouma (Seba Beach), Doug Whistance-Smith (Drayton), Peter Bailey (St. Albert), Kathy Gardiner (Parkland County), Anayo Ugboma (Hinton), Mark McHale (Stony Plain), Ron Sheppard (Parkland Regional), Laura Peters (Yellowhead Regional), Sarah Tonowski (Forestburg)

1. Call to Order – 1:03
2. Adopt Agenda – S. Ross moved.
3. Approval of minutes: April 9, 2021 – H. Amendt moved, D. Cryderman seconded.
4. Financial Update – L. Winton moved that the Treasurer’s report be accepted as presented. D. Cryderman seconded.
5. Logo: recommendation from executive (bottom of agenda): Majority in favour of adopting new Logo.
6. Sponsorship request: Stronger Together Virtual Conference (Sept. 22-24/21) – L. Winton moves that APLAC sponsor the Stronger Together Conference in the amount of \$250 (Silver level), S. Parkinson seconded. CARRIED
7. Alberta Library Conference (Jasper Park Lodge)
 1. APLAC’s role? S. Parkinson and D. Whistance-Smith volunteered to investigate and look at options for future conferences.

2. ALC conference committee presentation? None given.

8. Round Robin Updates:

- a. Andrea Johnston (Cochrane): Jeri Maitland is resigning as Director at the end of the month in Cochrane.
- b. Elaine Dickie (Barrhead): Sent out a chat about in person programming for children and whether others are starting them back up. Some libraries are, some are not. Within government guidelines it is up to parents to determine whether they attend with their children.
- c. Peter Bailey (St. Albert): Some discussion around the legalities of inquiring about a staff member's vaccine status. Consensus seemed to be to exercise caution around this area.
- d. Rhonda O'Neill (Stettler): Stettler has received rapid covid tests for staff use only, and on a voluntary basis. Staff who wish to do the tests will complete the online training and self-administer the tests. Stettler Board of Trade is handling the logistics locally. If you have questions email spl@prl.ab.ca.
- e. Haley Amendt (Parkland Region): Parkland hosted an open house to great success with around 400 attendees, a magic show. Ron Orr (MLA) gave a speech along with board chair Deb Smith.
- f. Shelley Ross (Red Deer): Is looking for high density shelving for DVDS, send information and pictures to her at sross@rdpl.org.
- g. Deb Cryderman (Grande Prairie): Will be holding candidate's forums for the municipal election in a few weeks.
- h. Karla Palichuk (Yellowhead Regional): Getting a new brand and n launching it in September. Will look less 1991. Ran focus group on strategic planning process. Creating more kits.
- i. Elaine Dickie (Barrhead): Looking at Obie <https://playobie.com> Wondering if anyone else is looking at it, give her a call if yes. Projection system, interactive. Installed in Carstairs for a year now, floor mode, educational gaming alphabet and math.
- j. Leah Woodford (Bonnyville): Entering into her first plan of service, welcomes advice from others who have a few plans under their belts librarian@bonnyvillelibrary.ab.ca

9. Next meeting: November 19, 2021 on Zoom.

10. Adjourned – 2:00 pm.