



xProvincetown Public Library Board of Library Trustees  
September 22, 2021 Meeting @ 6pm IN-person & via ZOOM

**Present:** Stephen Borkowski, Steve Desroches, Laurel Guadazno, Joan Prugh, Paul Richardson (via Zoom) & Amy Raff, Library Director

1. Call meeting to Order: Chair Desroches called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.
2. Approval of minutes from September 1, 2021 Meeting: J. Prugh moved, L. Guadazno second to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. Director's Report:

**Online**

*PPL IG followers 1,881 (up from 1,873); PBF IG 194 followers (up from 131); PPL FB followers 2,243 (up from 2,232); PBF FB followers 141 (up from 130); 2021 Reading Challenge FB members 95 (up from 88); Crop Swap FB followers 556 (up from 549)*

**Programming 08/25/21-09/21/21**

*Book Festival total=403*

*Karen Finley-37; Read Local-30; Lynne Hugo & Hanna Halperin -36; Brandon Taylor-42; Dr. Greenidge-20; Mona Awad & Heidi Pitlor; Robert Jones, Jr.-41; Paul Lisicky-29; Josh Henkin & Matty Klam-26; Jennifer De Leon & Aminatta Forna-32; Maya Shanbach Lang & Rajiv Mohabir-32; January O'Neil & Porsha Olayiwola; Aaron Lecklider & Chris Castellani-24.*

*Zoom Nature & Poetry with Diane Haemer=*

*Book Reading & Signing with Matt Fitzpatrick=16*

*Read Aloud/Along=10*

**Meetings/Webinars for August-September**

*Weekly Town Staff Mtg; Library Staff Mtg; CLAMS Board Mtg; CLAMS Membership Meeting; PBF x3; Friends Meeting; Overdrive Diversity Audit*

**Staff Updates**

*Reopening Report: As of Monday, September 20, the Library reopened to all our regular hours for the first time since March 13, 2020. Mask are still required in the Library.*

*5<sup>th</sup> Provincetown Book Festival: A smashing success!*

*Advocate Archive: Amy met with Mary Ann Bragg. Next step is to submit proposal to Gannett Co. legal department outlining proposal.*

*Data Collection: Fiscal year 2021 call data that showed the daily patron interactions that occurred while the Library was closed to the public (and after). Of highlight were a total of 5,958 calls which included 3,531 pick ups, 564 item requests and 435 generic/reference questions.*



4. Old Business

Bylaws: To be discussed at October meeting.

Advocate Archive: Amy will write letter to Gannett requesting accessioning of Provincetown Advocate/Provincetown Banner issues. Chair Desroches and Paul Richardson will review before submitting.

5. New Business

5<sup>th</sup> Book Festival Recap: The Festival was a huge success! Events were held on the second floor. Proof of vaccination and mask-wearing was required. For many of the authors it was their first in-person event since the pandemic. It is not too soon to start discussing next year's Roe Dorothea Award Recipient.

6. Announcement of next meeting: Next meeting will be held in person on Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. As a courtesy, a Zoom link will be supplied.

7. Adjournment of meeting: S. Borkowski moved, J. Prugh second to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

Submitted by,  
Amy Raff