



LAKE COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

October 19, 2017 – 5:00 P.M.
Lake Extension Services, 1951 Woodlea Road, Tavares

MEMBERS / ALTERNATES ATTENDING:

Phyllis Smith, Member, District 1
Caryl Harris, Member, District 2
Carol Wasserman, Member, District 3
John Nystrom, Member, District 5
Robert Ballenger, Alternate, Fruitland Park Library
Leslie Temmen, Member, Helen Lehmann Memorial Library
Robert Glockler, Member, Leesburg Public Library
John L. Johnson, Alternate, Leesburg Public Library
Patricia Vacherlon, Member, Marianne Beck Memorial Library
Mary Page, Alternate, Minneola Schoolhouse Library
Robert Grenier, Alternate, Tavares Public Library
John Tucker, Member, W.T. Bland Public Library
Steve Berger, Alternate, W.T. Bland Public Library

OTHERS ATTENDING:

Josh Blake, BCC Commissioner, District 5, and Library Liaison
Gary Earl, Support Services Manager, Library Services
Pamela Edwards-Goodson, Branch Supervisor, East Lake County Library
Ashley Brown, Interim Library Director, Tavares Public Library
Cathy Lunday, Adult Services Librarian, W.T. Bland Public Library
Bill Smith, Guest
Karen Gouker, Recording Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Chair Robert Glockler called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and a moment of silence observed.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS:

The Chair acknowledged Ashley Brown, Interim Library Director for the Tavares Public Library, and regular guest Bill Smith.

NOTICE OF MEETING – PROOF OF PUBLICATION:

Proof of publication was presented.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2017 LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

The Chair asked for any questions or discussion on the minutes of the September meeting. Absent any questions or discussion, the Chair called for a motion. **Caryl Wasserman, moved to approve the minutes from the September 21, 2017 meeting. Caryl Harris seconded the motion and it passed unanimously when put to a vote.**



CITIZEN QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD:

None.

COMMISSION LIAISON'S REPORT:

Commissioner Josh Blake reported that the County hit the half-way mark on the debris pick-up from Hurricane Irma. The Commissioner noted that the library impact fees came before the Board of County Commissioners at the recommendation of the Library Advisory Board for approval, and were subsequently approved by the BCC.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

None.

OFFICE OF LIBRARY SERVICES DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

In Ava Barrett's absence, Support Services Manager Gary Earl attended the meeting on her behalf and gave the following report:

Ava Barrett and Linda Goff, Youth Services Coordinator, visited Lake County School Superintendent Diane Kornegay on September 28, 2017. One of the outcomes of that meeting is that the County will be putting an icon on each school's website with a link to the library card registration form. Delivery of the library card to the students will be through the school board. Also, as a result of the meeting, Linda was put in touch with the head of the media services and will be attending the quarterly media specialist meetings for Lake County Schools.

A total of 81 people attended Staff Development Day on October 9, 2017. All fifteen libraries were represented in one form or another. Each library created a video about their library to share during the day. The Communications Department created a montage from all the videos and Gary played that for the board.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

John Nystrom expressed an interest for the board to see a presentation about collection development to gain a better understanding about the process as it pertains to the Lake County Library System. Mr. Nystrom said in the coming year he would also like to see an emphasis on the Astor, Paisley and East Lake libraries to make sure their patrons are getting their needs met. Carol Wasserman asked what role the Library Advisory Board could play in improving the conditions at the three smaller libraries referred to by John Nystrom. Mr. Nystrom said he would like to see a plan to get those libraries out of the temporary structures into proper facilities. Ms. Wasserman asked Mr. Nystrom what he is specifically looking for in a collection development presentation. Mr. Nystrom responded that he wants to understand how the libraries coordinate efforts so as not duplicate collection purchases. He would also like more information about the focus on best sellers over other offerings in the libraries. Robert Glockler acknowledged Mr. Nystrom's concerns and his comments. Mr. Glockler said it raises the question of the breadth of responsibility of the board, which is to advise the Board of County Commissioners on matters of library policy. Mr. Glockler said he would talk to Ava regarding these areas. Phyllis Smith said Minneola Schoolhouse Library should be added to the previously mentioned small libraries. Mary Page added that Minneola is the fastest growing community in Lake County. John Nystrom said he had introduced the idea of a special taxing district for the libraries. Garbage service has its own funding source and he believes libraries are at least as important as trash removal to citizens of the county. Patricia Vacherlon said she believed having a borrowing reciprocity with Orange County would be helpful with regard to expanding the resources for our patrons. Ms. Vacherlon said she thought Ms. Barrett was going to pursue reinstating a reciprocal borrowing agreement with Orange County. Gary Earl could not confirm or deny that, but said the history of the reciprocal borrowing agreement is that Orange County was the party that initiated the termination.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.



NEW BUSINESS:

ANNUAL PLAN OF SERVICE 2017-2018: The Chair asked if there were any questions on the Annual Plan of Service. Absent any questions or discussion, the Chair called for a motion. **Caryl Harris made a motion to request a recommendation that the Board of County Commissioners approve the FY 2017-18 Lake County Library System Annual Plan of Service. After a second by John Nystrom, the motion passed unanimously.**

ELECTION OF LAKE COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2017-18. The Chair asked for a report from the nominating committee. Robert Ballenger, spokesperson for the nominating committee, announced the following slate:

- Robert Glockler, Chair
- John Nystrom, Vice Chair
- Caryl Harris, Secretary

The Chair noted that since there is only one candidate for each position the board can act on the slate as a whole. **The nomination from the committee makes it a motion and the Chair asked if there was a second. Mary Page seconded the motion and it passed unanimously when put to a vote.**

Mr. Glockler said his first act as Chair for 2017-18 is to thank the outgoing Vice Chair Norma Emerson, and Secretary Carol Wasserman for their service.

LIBRARY RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Glockler gave the Leesburg Library announcements on behalf of Lucy Gangone. The library participated in the Leesburg Partnership's annual **Scarecrow Build-Off** and took 3rd place in the city department category. The Volunteering Showcase on Nov. 28th had 11 groups present to recruit volunteers. Of the 175 people attending, 30-40 individuals signed up to volunteer with one or more of the organizations. A local couple made a \$3000 donation to the Friends of the Library for the purpose of purchasing a bi-lingual early literacy station for children ages 2-8.

Cathy Lunday, Interim Library Director at the W.T. Bland Public Library, reported that the library has completed its third weekend of extended hours and traffic is starting to pick-up. Two new part-time circulation assistants have been hired, and one of them is the library's second bi-lingual employee. Ms. Lunday also reported the addition of a new tech volunteer who will be teaching Word Press once a month.

Mary Page from Minneola announced that **Florida Bats: Myths and Reality!** is being presented at the Minneola Schoolhouse Library this evening by the Florida Bat Conservancy. Children's programs are growing at the library, as well as circulation.

Pat Vacherlon reported that the Marianne Beck Library is seeing growth in the number of children attending the Friday story-time. Initially only about 4 children participated and it has grown now to about 12 kids. The Homeschool program continues to be popular.

Robert Ballenger announced some of the events at the Fruitland Park Library include a pumpkin painting contest, a Spanish food cook-off, featuring Mexican, Puerto Rican and Cuban cuisines.

Pam Goodson-Edwards from the East Lake County Library said the Friends of the Library had their fall festival and raised \$420. The Pumpkin Chunkin' Contest is scheduled for November 4, 2017.



Ashley Brown, from the Tavares Public Library, reported that all the library staff was able to attend Staff Development Day on October 9th. The Knitted Knockers Crochet and Knitting Club is meeting at the library on October 24th to knit and crochet soft, comfortable prosthetics for breast cancer survivors.

John Nystrom shared some comments he received from Janet Lewis, Library Director at the Umatilla Public Library. Plans are being made for children, youth and adult programming. Some of the upcoming programs are After School Story-time, STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) programs, and Paw Dogs Reading. Adult programming resumes in October. The library is expanding its programming to include presentations by the University of Florida Extension Office based on agricultural services themes. Reaching out to the growing homeschool community, the adult programming staff has started a homeschool art program once a month on Tuesdays. The after school teen room has reopened with computers and a variety of crafts and board games.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2017 at 5 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Gouker, Recording Secretary

NOTE: Subsequent to this meeting, the November 16, 2017 was cancelled due to a lack of business requiring action by the board. The next meeting will be January 18, 2018 at the Leesburg Public Library, 100 E. Main Street, Leesburg.