



LAKE COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Minutes

January 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
Cynthia Burch, Member, Fruitland Park Library
Bob Ballenger, Alternate, Fruitland Park Library
Frank Kirschenheiter, Member, Lady Lake Public Library
Robert Glockler, Member, Leesburg Public Library
Patricia Vacherlon, Member, Marianne Beck Memorial Library
Mary Page, Alternate, Minneola Schoolhouse Library
Norma Emerson, Member, Tavares Public Library

OTHERS ATTENDING:

Josh Blake, BCC Commissioner, District 5, and Library Liaison
Jeff Cole, Director, Lake County Public Resources Department
Ron Moore, Interim Division Manager, Lake County Library Services
Lucy Gangone, Director, Leesburg Public Library
Stephanie Haines, Director, W.T. Bland Public Library
Karen Gouker, Recording Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE: Chair Robert Glockler called the meeting of the Lake County Library Advisory Board to order at 5p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and a moment of silence observed.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS: Robert acknowledged regular guest Bill Smith and new member Caryl Harris.

NOTICE OF MEETING – PROOF OF PUBLICATION: Proof of publication was presented.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 27, 2016 LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES: Carol Wasserman moved to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2016, meeting of the Library Advisory Board Nominating Committee. After being seconded by Cynthia Burch, the motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 27, 2016 LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES: Mary Page moved to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2016, meeting of the Library Advisory Board. After being seconded by Carol Wasserman, the motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously.



CITIZEN QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD: None presented.

COMMISSION LIAISON'S REPORT: Robert introduced Commissioner Josh Blake, the newly appointed Commission Liaison to the Library Advisory Board, and asked if he would like share a little about his background with the Board. Commissioner Blake said while he has not worked directly with libraries locally, he did work on library issues at the State level, including with former State Representative Marlene O'Toole on the Career Online High School (COHS) pilot program.

CHAIR'S REPORT: Robert reported that at present there are several vacancies on the Board. Ed Rowlett, member from Mount Dora, announced at the September meeting that he was resigning and would not be attending future meetings. Mary Groeller, alternate member from Mount Dora, resigned via email to the recording secretary on January 11, 2017. Word was received the afternoon of January 19, 2017, from the Mount Dora City Clerk that Mr. John Tucker had been appointed by the Mount Dora City Council to serve on the Lake County Library Advisory Board.

With Cheryl Heggemeier's resignation in September 2016, Umatilla currently has no member or alternate on the Library Advisory Board. The recording secretary has been in contact with Janet Lewis, the interim library director at the Umatilla Public Library regarding the vacancies.

Lastly, Catherine Hanson resigned via email on January 6, 2017. The County will begin advertising in February for a representative to fill this vacancy in Commission District 4.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: Ron Moore said the County is moving forward to hire Godfrey's Associates to produce the Lake County Library Long Range Plan of Services.

Ron reported that to date 11 students have graduated from Career Online High School (COHS). Ron then deferred to Jeff Cole for the remainder of the report.

Jeff summarized recent staffing changes made at the East Lake County Library following a report by the Lake County Inspector General's Office about falsification of the library's public records.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: John Nystrom proposed renewed efforts for a partnership between Lake County Schools and the Lake County Library System to ensure that every student has a library card. He noted that the statistics bear out that when there is a library card registration drive in the schools you see a corresponding spike in new registrations.

Norma Emerson said the new library director at the Tavares library is already reaching out to the schools. It was noted that the incoming Lake County School Superintendent may be more open to establishing a partnership arrangement.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO FILL EXPIRING DISTRICTS 1, 3, AND 5 ON THE LAKE COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD: An application submitted by Phyllis Smith for the District 1 seat was received by the County. Two applications were received by the County for the District 3 seat; one from Cassandra Brown and the other from Carol Wasserman. John Nystrom's application was the only one received by the County for the District 5 seat on the Library Advisory Board. Each application was reviewed by the members. **Carol Wasserman moved to recommend reappointment of Phyllis Smith to the District 1 seat. After being seconded by Cynthia Burch and put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.** Carol Wasserman left the room during review and discussion of the applications for District 3. **Following discussion, Norma Emerson moved to recommend reappointment of Carol Wasserman**



to the District 3 seat. The motion passed unanimously after a second by Cynthia Burch. Carol Wasserman moved to recommend reappointment of John Nystrom to the District 5 seat. Bob Ballenger seconded the motion and it passed unanimously when put to a vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Lucy Gangone reported that the Leesburg Public Library recently installed a **Little Library** at the Viaport Mall near the children's area in the food court to encourage people to take a book. Staff filled the **Little Library** with children's books and when they returned half an hour later the box was half empty. The library is gearing up for tax season with AARP Tax Aid. Last year approximately 1,600 tax returns were prepared at the library. AARP estimates this service represents a savings of \$300,000 to tax payers. The library is completing the process to become a *Passport Acceptance Center*. The advantage the library will have over other passport facilities in Lake County is provision of evening and weekend hours of operation. In addition to providing this service to the community, the library will receive \$25 per applicant.

Stephanie Haines announced **DreadFest**, a celebration of the darker side of fiction on Saturday, January 28th at the W.T. Bland Public Library in Mount Dora. This event will spotlight the artistic and literary elements of good horror writing, featuring writer panel discussions, a nanofiction contest, and a published author showcase of horror fiction. Other upcoming events, programs and services at the library include AARP Tax Aid; a Southern Gothic Writing Contest sponsored by Writers One Flight Up; and Jack Sanders, acoustic guitarist. W.T. Bland is also starting a genealogy group.

Pat Vacherlon reported that Chef Warren will be cooking seafood at the Marianne Beck Memorial Library in Howey on Saturday. His last appearance at the library attracted a large turn-out.

Bob Ballenger announced that the Casino Building in Fruitland Park was demolished to make room for the new Fruitland Park Library. The new structure will have community space and will include some features from the Casino, including some of its 100-year-old windows, siding and oak from the stage. A replica of the Casino will be built for display and a brass plaque will be hung as a remembrance. AARP Tax Aid is coming to the library in February. A special story time on February 15th is planned to celebrate Love Week.

Frank Kirschenheiter noted that Lady Lake is experiencing a large influx of people due to winter snowbirds, and the expansion of The Villages. On the first Thursday of every month **Basic Computer Coding for Kids** is offered at the library. AARP has year-round tax counseling available at the Lady Lake Library.

Norma Emerson said that last year the Friends of the Tavares Public Library bought LEGO sets for the younger children, and then noticed teens expressing an interest in LEGOS. The library director and youth specialist are collaborating with youth on a "LEGO Wall." Planning is well underway for the summer reading program.

Mary Page from Minneola announced that Diane Merchant, Minneola Schoolhouse Library Director, will be leaving at the end of January.

Stephanie Haines from the W.T. Bland Public Library said she wished to express a special "thanks" to Regional Branch Manager Boyd Bruce for coming to Mount Dora to kick-off the library's ukulele class. Twenty-three people signed up for the class and all twenty-three attended.



ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting of the Library Advisory Board will take place on February 16, 2017, at the Leesburg Public Library, 100 E. Main Street, Leesburg. Robert Glockler said there is plenty of parking adjacent to the Leesburg Library, but the only entrance is at the front of the building. Absent further comments or questions, Robert adjourned the meeting at 5:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Karen Gouker
Recording Secretary