



LAKE COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes

February 18, 2016 – 5:00 P.M.
Lake County Extension, Training Room A

MEMBERS / ALTERNATES ATTENDING:

Phyllis Smith, Member, District 1
Robert Peraza, Member, District 2
Carol Wasserman, Member, District 3
Catherine Hanson, Member, District 4
John Nystrom, Member, District 5
Cynthia Burch, Member, Fruitland Park Library
Leslie Temmen, Member, Helen Lehmann Memorial Library
Frank Kirschenheiter, Member, Lady Lake Public Library
Robert Glockler, Member, Leesburg Public Library
John L. Johnson, Alternate, Leesburg Public Library
Patricia Vacherlon, Alternate, Marianne Beck Memorial Library
Mary Page, Alternate, Minneola Schoolhouse Library
Norma Emerson, Member, Tavares Public Library
Ed Rowlett, Member, W. T. Bland Public Library
Mary Groeller, Alternate, W. T. Bland Public Library

OTHERS ATTENDING:

Commissioner Leslie Campione, Lake County Library Liaison and BCC
Paul Alford, Division Manager, Lake County Library Services
Diane Merchant, Director, Minneola Schoolhouse Library
Laurel Gainer, Director, Umatilla Public Library
Stephanie Haines, Director, W.T. Bland Public Library
Bill Smith, Guest
Bob Ballenger, Incoming Alternate Member for Fruitland Park Library (eff. 3-1-2016)
Karen Gouker, Recording Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE: Chair Carol Wasserman called the meeting of the Lake County Library Advisory Board to order at 5:02 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and a moment of silence observed.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS: The chair recognized Bob Ballenger, the incoming Alternate Member for Fruitland Park, effective March 1, 2016.

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

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 21, 2016 LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES: Bob Peraza moved to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2016 meeting of the library advisory board. After being seconded by John Nystrom, the motion passed unanimously when put to a vote.



CITIZEN QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD: None presented.

COMMISSION LIAISON'S REPORT: Paul said Commissioner Campione was in Gainesville earlier today, and may be late. Her report will be heard when she arrives.

CHAIR'S REPORT: None.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: On January 28, 2016 Paul traveled to Tallahassee along with other librarians and library supporters to meet with several representatives, senators and legislative aides. He was able to meet with Representative Marlene O'Toole, and Representative Larry Metz, as well as staff from the offices of Representative Jennifer Sullivan and Senator Bill Montford. Though Senator Montford's legislative district is in the Tallahassee area, he is Vice Chair for the Education Committee, and one of our goals was to impress upon him, as well as others, the necessity for perpetuating funding for the Career Online High School. It is hoped that funding may come out of some of those meetings, and some other lobbying efforts that are going on. The need for State Aid to Libraries was also emphasized. From February 8th – 13th, the library system engaged in a Pronunciator promotion week. Outreach Coordinator Jessica Anderson gathered together materials and promotional aids, and sent them to the libraries. All staff were encouraged to chat up this language learning tool. Pronunciator was initially launched at LCLS in May, 2015. Prior to the promotion, there were 1,044 registered users. Last week, another 110 patrons registered, and an increase of over 10% was added to the user base. Over the next 4 – 6 months other products will be advanced in 1 – 2 week blitzes. In May, the focus will be on Overdrive, our e-book platform, and in June, Zinio, our electronic magazine platform will be promoted.

To date, about ninety individuals have completed the Career Online High School self-assessment, and forty-four have gone on to register for the pre-requisite class. Thirteen of the thirty scholarships allotted to LCLS, have so far been awarded, and additional interviews have been scheduled to select other recipients.

Paul concluded his report by giving notice that a new long range plan must be submitted to the State Library by October 1, 2016. Over the past couple of years, library staff have been gathering data and statistics; and talking to individuals to ascertain the pulse of the communities. By April or May it is anticipated that a draft of the long range plan will be ready for presentation to this body.

The chair said she is very excited about the Career Online High School program, and commended Paul and his staff for doing a great job.

Carol acknowledged the arrival of member Phyllis Smith, and regular visitor Bill Smith. Commissioner Leslie Campione was also acknowledged and invited to give the Commission Liaison's Report.

COMMISSION LIAISON'S REPORT: Commissioner Campione said she just returned from the University of Florida's Levin College of Law to attend a panel discussion about the legality of the case against the *Groveland Four*, and possible exoneration nearly 70 years after the case was closed. Gilbert King, author of *Devil in the Grove*, was joined on the panel by some members of the men's families. The Commissioner said the discussion was enlightening, and characterized the experience as very humbling. Commissioner Campione said she is glad she attended, and will be supporting a proclamation, along with the other commissioners, to ask the Governor to take the case under consideration and follow the appropriate legal mechanism to bring closure to an episode that should never have happened. Her report prompted comments and reminiscences from several board members on the subject. Stephanie Haimes recalled that Gilbert King spoke in Mount Dora a few years ago and filled the community building, which seats six hundred. At the time, that was the largest group Mr. King had addressed. Paul said that when Gilbert King presented his program in Mount Dora, he was very gracious and when asked if would return to do another program, responded that he would be perfectly willing to do that.



OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES GRANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE: -- Upon the chair's confirmation of Robert Glockler's desire for reappointment, Carol asked for a motion from the board. **Phyllis Smith moved to recommend Robert Glockler's reappointment to the Health and Human Services Grant Advisory Committee. Upon a second by John Nystrom, the motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously.** At the conclusion of the vote, Robert summarized the work of the Health and Human Services Grant Advisory Committee. The committee is given a budget from the BCC to distribute to local agencies. The agencies write proposals for a grant, adhering to very specific requirements as to how the grant can be written. After the proposals are submitted, each committee member has an opportunity to review them prior to meeting as a group to decide which of the proposals to recommend for grant approval. The recommendation from the advisory committee is then passed on to the BCC for final disposition. Last year the budget was about \$75,000. On average most grants total between \$5,000 and \$10,000. The agencies are all worthy, not-for-profit organizations in the County. The advisory committee makes an effort to recommend awards addressing different types of need in the community; such as food, shelter and transportation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Stephanie Haimes from the W.T. Bland Public Library announced that the ***Downton Abbey Tea*** on February 27th is sold out. ***Songs of the American Labor Movement*** with Adam Miller is scheduled at the library on Tuesday, March 15th. Also on the 15th, a beginning digital photography class will be taught by a volunteer from the Mount Dora library advisory board. Other classes to be offered soon: MS Excel, MS Word, and resumé writing. The annual ***Easter Egg Hunt*** will be held on March 26th.

Norma Emerson reported that the Tavares Public Library has jumped on the adult coloring bandwagon and is offering ***Coloring and Tea*** in the afternoons, and ***Coloring and Coffee*** in the mornings. These have become two of the most popular programs at the library. ***Roots & Branches***, the genealogy group at the library is also very successful. Clubs meeting at the library include: ***Conversational Spanish for English Speakers*** and ***Conversational English for Spanish Speakers***. The library is in-between youth specialists, so most of the youth programs are on hold. Norma believes someone has been hired and will be starting to work soon.

Patricia Vacherlon from Howey recapped a February 6th cooking program at the Marianne Beck Memorial Library. ***Chef Warren Cooks Vegetarian***, was a lively and entertaining success. About twenty people were expected for the program, and forty-five showed up. A program on living with diabetes is planned for March 17th.

Leslie Temmen from Montverde, said anticipation is high for one of the larger events in the community; the annual ***Easter Egg Hunt***. Last year over ninety photos were developed to document the number of people participating. Leslie said being new to this board she is still in learning mode right now. Hearing about all the events and programs at the other libraries excites her, and encourages her to learn how to fit service levels at the Helen Lehmann Memorial Library in with the requirements of the community. She advocates getting to know the neighbors around the library well enough to focus on programs that would have some appeal for them, and plans to meet with Montverde's new mayor to find a way to optimize what the library has to offer. Two of the programs offered at the library are ***4-H*** and ***Help with Homework***.

Diane Merchant from the Minneola Schoolhouse Library said ***Bunny Money*** is coming to the library on March 1st. Every child will receive \$1 in Bunny Money for each book they borrow from the library until March 22nd. On the 22nd children



may redeem their Bunny Money for piggy banks, Easter baskets, bike helmets, and more fun items at the Bunny Store.

Laurel Gainer announced that on Friday, February 26th, a representative from SECO Energy will present **Scam Smarts** at the Umatilla Public Library. Attendees will be alerted to several of the top scams targeting seniors, and will receive information on how to avoid becoming a victim. **I-Pad Basics** and **Introduction to I-Pad Apps** are two of the classes on the calendar for February. Staff is preparing for the Friends sponsored **City-Wide Yard Sale** on March 5th, and the **Huge Book Sale** at the library from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. All proceeds from the book sale will benefit the Summer Reading Program for children.

Bob Glockler gave the following report for Leesburg Public Library on behalf of Lucy Gangone: 125 people attended Leesburg Library's first **Family History Fair** on Saturday, January 23rd, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This was a free event for all ages featuring birthday newspaper look-ups, family tree themed crafts for kids, and a photo booth with period backgrounds. Hands on sessions include DIY photo scanning, organizing and editing digital photos, and exploring websites such as HistoryPin and DeadFred.com. On January 27th, forty-eight teenagers attended the **Tech Ops** program at the library. Instructors from Lake Tech and Lake Sumter State College participated to promote their technical programs in medical technology, culinary arts, public safety, cosmetology and others. John Johnson added that February is Black History Month at the library, and on February 13th, **Freedom, Slavery and the Roots of American Music** was presented in lecture and concert by Ray Kamalay.

Bob Ballenger said he wished to thank the Friends of the Leesburg Library for sponsoring a concert this afternoon. Bob plays in the group that performed and they had a full house.

Cynthia Burch said Jo-Ann Glendinning from the Fruitland Park Library was unable to attend tonight and asked her to announce the following: **Love Week** has been celebrated at the library this week. Yesterday, community churches, Fruitland Park Elementary School, and local businesses all came together and had a special story-time at the library for kids. The children made a "love bear" craft, and 5 clowns from Clown Alley stopped by to sing and dance. Every kid that attended got a "goodie bag." The big surprise came at the end of the program when Chick-fil-A showed up with lunch for all of the 43 children and 32 adults. Cynthia said that story-times are always very crowded at the library, and everyone is looking forward to the beginning of construction on the new library. James Senatore was hired by the city commission to be the architect for the project.

Catherine Hanson reported that the Friends of the East Lake County Library will have their annual meeting this Saturday to elect officers and decide their budget for this next year, and the date of the Spring Fling. Programs at the library are still in full swing. Elizabeth Steele continues to do a great job with the children. **Palm Writers Group** meets on the last Saturday of the month and is open to anyone who wants to improve their writing skills and help other writers as well. The East Lake Historical Society will again hold its **Heritage Festival** at the library on May 21st.

Frank Kirschenheiter announced that on February 1st, the town commission passed the Lady Lake Code for Patron Behavior, Internet and Public Computer Use Policy for use by library staff at the Lady Lake Public Library. The lobby transformation is being completed, and director Marsha Brinson is interested in having a coffee kiosk at the library. **AARP Tax Assistance** has a full schedule, and still manage to work in some walk-ins. March 27th is the annual **Easter Egg Hunt**. Last year over 3000 children participated.

Diane Merchant added that the Friends Group of the Minneola Schoolhouse Library is sponsoring a concert at the Minneola City Hall by Lauren Pelon on Sunday, March 7th at 3 p.m. She plays many instruments, including antique instruments that are almost unknown, and sings while giving a history of music.

Carol Wasserman announced that the next meeting of the Lake County Library Advisory Board is March 17th at Lake



County Extension, in Training Room A.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further announcements or discussion, Carol asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Mary Page moved for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Patricia Vacherlon, and the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Karen Gouker
Recording Secretary