

## **Library Advisory Board Meeting**

**May 22, 2023**

**In Attendance:** Ron Becker, Nancy Cote, Jayne Brewin, Bonnie Martin, Nicholas Pacini, Andi Figart, Lewis Curtwright (by telephone), and Renee Tyner

**I. Call to Order:** 9:33 a.m. by Ron Becker. A quorum was met.

**II. Minutes:** The April minutes were unanimously accepted.

**III. Public Comment:** None

**IV. Officer/Committee Reports:**

**A. Pasco County Library Advisory Board & Library Cooperative (Ron Becker)**

- The Pasco County Library System held their last meeting in May and will not meet again until September.
- There is no funding yet for renovations to the Hudson branch; a new library is being planned for Wesley Chapel in conjunction with a school; the Regency branch is still closed during renovations until Winter 2024.
- A new Pasco County law requires that the Pasco County Library Advisory Board will rule on banned book appeals. This rule does not apply to the New Port Richey Public Library which reports to the New Port Richey City Council.

**B. The Friends of the New Port Richey Library (Nancy Cote)**

- A bookish tea party was held May 9 at the White Heron Tea and Gifts—nearly \$500.00 was raised for the bookmobile project.
- We assisted Parks & Recreation with the Kids to Parks Day on May 20 at the James E. Grey Preserve featuring a new StoryWalk 'It Began with Lemonade,' crafts, free books and lemonade.
- **Bonnie Martin received FLA's 2023 Outstanding Achievement Award** for her many contributions to our NPR Friends of the Library Organization and Library. She was awarded this great honor on May 19 at FLA's annual conference in Daytona Beach. FOL and LAB board members as well as library staff attended in support of this important recognition.
- The final Fourth Friday Artwalk will be on May 26 featuring our table offering memberships, free books and requesting donations.

**C. Library Director's Update (Andi Figart)**

- The Library Director announced that three staff members attended the Florida Library Association Annual Conference in Daytona Beach May 17-19. She and Stephanie Jones, Librarian III attended the Awards Ceremony with Library Advisory Board Members, Nick Pacini and Nancy Cote along with FOL Director, Judy Signor.
- The Library Director reminded us that the summer reading program will start June 1.
- The Library Director announced that Member Support Librarian Jeff McGill has returned part-time from medical leave.
- Two staffers attended Service Animal training and will share information they received with the rest of library staff.
- The Library Director highlighted the 'Touch a Truck' children's program which will be held Saturday June 3 from 10 am until 1:30 pm—last year's attendance was estimated at 1,200.
- The Library Director notified us that county bus passes will be on sale in the library sometime over the summer.
- The newest Little Free Library is under construction and will be located at one of the

city's parks or facilities.

**V. Continuing Business:**

- Nicholas Pacini presented the social media monthly report (see attached) which shows Facebook reach increased by 53.2% in April.

**VI. New Business**

- Presentation and review of Florida Sunshine Law Provisions by City Clerk Judy Meyers.

**VII. Communications:**

- The next meeting will be June 26, 2023, at 9:30 am at the library.
- Nick Pacini announced that he had contact with Brad Yaeger (Representative for part of Pasco County to the Florida House of Representatives) and asked him to request a library card. Nick suggests that we host a "Get Your Library Card Day" in the fall.

**VIII. Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Nancy M. Cote*

Nancy M. Cote, Secretary