

Library Advisory
Board Meeting
June 26, 2023

In Attendance: Ron Becker, Nancy Cote, Jayne Brewin, Bonnie Martin, Nicholas Pacini, Andi Figart, Marcia Mihall, Lewis Curtwright (by telephone), and Renee Tyner. Joan Hook was absent.

- I. **Call to Order:** 9:35 a.m. by Ron Becker. A quorum was met.
- II. **Minutes:** The May 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 May meeting and will not meet until September.
 - B. The Friends of the New Port Richey Library (Nancy Cote)
 - Bonnie Martin is researching the history of the FOL and the first Chasco Festival sponsored by the library in 1922.
 - C. Library Director's Update (Andi Figart)
 - The Library Director reported that a 7-year-old girl named McKenna spoke at the last City Council meeting requesting a Little Free Library near the Parks and Recreation Center which was wholeheartedly supported.
 - The Library Director announced that annual city budget meetings are underway—she has completed her presentation to City Manager Debbie Manns and awaits feedback. Budget workshops and department presentations will be held in July and August with the public invited. The City has not yet received 2023-2024 Florida state revenue projections. The fiscal year begins October 1.
 - The Library Director highlighted the Summer Library Challenge which has had a huge turn-out both for adults and youth to which she credits staffers Jessica Meredith and Tomás Monzón.
 - The Library Director notified us that promising interviews have been conducted for the remaining opening and hopes to make an offer soon.
 - The Library Director thanked LAB Vice Chair Nicholas Pacini for new ideas for larger event programming.
 - A request to City Council for a Library Card Month Proclamation is underway for the Library Advisory Board and Friends of the Library Organization.
- V. **Continuing Business:**
 - Nicholas Pacini presented the social media monthly May report (see attached). 'Lewis Curtwright suggested more use of Twitter and offered to assist library staff. Bonnie Martin suggested that the FOL video used for the Library Lovers Ball could be edited for use in social media accounts, as well.
 - Marcia Mihall requested that new library membership card and daily door traffic be added to monthly reporting.
 - Little Free Libraries are very popular. Public Works is adding the registration tags to each

library so that ours will show on the mobile phone app's national map.

- The grant which funded 75 Chromebooks and WiFi Hotspots has now ended. The Chromebooks are still available; However, borrowers will need to use their own WiFi. The Library will continue to circulate 25 WiFi hot spots, the original amount they have circulated since 2017.

VI. New Business

- The Library Director stated GO PASCOCO (public transit) filmed a commercial in conjunction with the library to announce bus pass sales in the library. Lewis Curtwright suggested that a library bus pass sale ad be placed on the bus as well as at bus stops plus on social media. Lewis also suggested that the library offer free bus passes to some program attendees who register in advance and that some of the ads be in the Spanish language to attract new library card holders.
- The Library Director noted that Youth Education Librarian Jessica Meredith has been attending North Bay Community Advocacy Meetings and Premier Community Health Boards Meetings. Thanks to the American Heart Association, The NPR Library will be receiving the new HIGI heart machine to use for blood pressure readings. There will also be blood pressure cuffs in various sizes to be check out for home use. Bonnie Martin suggested that oximeters to measure shortness of breath be added (very inexpensive) for check out.
- Vice Chair, Nicholas Pacini has continued to be in communications with elected officials and their aides, with some forward momentum with the office of Florida House of Representatives Member, Brad Yeager. Nicholas mentioned his idea of inviting Mr. Yeager to the Library for a tour or program with a theme of—'getting to know your library thru your congressman.

VII. Communications:

- The next meeting will be August 28, 2023, at 9:30 am at the library.

VIII. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Cote

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