

**Library Advisory**  
**Board Meeting**  
**August 28, 2023**

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

- I. **Call to Order:** 9:35 a.m. by Ron Becker. A quorum was met.
- II. **Minutes:** The June minutes were unanimously accepted—no meeting was held in July.
- 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.
  - B. The Friends of the New Port Richey Library (Nancy Cote)

Upcoming events include Gulf Harbors Civic Association Home and Trade Expo (Saturday September 30 from 9 am until 2 pm), Cornhole Tournament on Railroad Square (Saturday October 7 from 11:30 until 7 pm); Rummage Sale (Sunday November 5 from 10 am until 4 pm). The FOL will receive \$1.00 for every \$2.99 Community Bag purchased at WinnDixie on Massachusetts Avenue during the month of September.
  - C. Library Director's Update (Andi Figart)
    - The Library Director announced that all the audio-visual equipment purchased using the LSTA grant has been installed in the Magnolia and River rooms. State Librarian Amy Johnson toured our library last week—she administers these state grants.
    - The Library Director stated that annual city budget meetings are underway. She requested an additional full time Marketing/Outreach position be added. City Manager Debbie Manns did not submit the proposed bookmobile in this year's budget due to other priorities but hopes that the 2024-2025 budget will include this item.
    - The Library Director introduced Youth Librarian Jessica Meredith who highlighted the successful library summer program for youth and adults.
    - The Library Director spoke about the Read Local, Shop Local roll-out which partners 40+ local businesses to increase library membership and drive in new customers during the month of September.
    - The Library Director introduced LAB Vice Chair Nicholas Pacini who spoke about the infomercial + still pictures now underway featuring Florida House of Representative Brad Yeager highlighting September Library Card Sign-up month which can be shared with the Friends of the Library.
    - The Library Director mentioned that she met with returning Library Director Sean McGarvey of the Pasco County Library System.
    - The Library Director stated that the Art on the Go collection is under review.

**V. Continuing Business:**

- Nicholas Pacini presented the social media monthly June-July report.
- Little Free Libraries continue to be very popular especially for children's books. The newest one at the Parks and Recreation Center is soon to be installed.

**VI. New Business**

- The Library Director mentioned that the Higi (blood pressure) machine is still in the works but should be installed soon.
- Interlibrary loan statistics were presented.
- The Facebook Performance Bonus Program has invited the library's participation—money may be earned from posts to purchase ads to promote library programs.

**VII. Communications:**

- The next meeting will be September 18, 2023, at 9:30 am at the library.

**VIII. Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 am.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Nancy M. Cote*

Nancy M. Cote, Secretary