

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—There was no July meeting.
- 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 said 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 future 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

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