

**Library Advisory  
Board Meeting  
October 23, 2023**

**In Attendance:** Ron Becker, Nancy Cote, Nicholas Pacini, Marcia Milhall Lewis Curtwright (by telephone), and Renee Tyner. Jayne Brewin and Andi Figart were absent. Stephanie Jones filled in for Andi Figart

- I. **Call to Order:** 9:30 a.m. by Ron Becker. A quorum was met.
- II. **Minutes:** The September minutes were unanimously accepted
- III. **Public Comment:** Amanda Easton attended and expressed her appreciation for her child's experience with the library's weekly story hour, area toys and seating for children.
- IV. **Officer/Committee Reports:**
  - Pasco County Library Advisory Board & Library Cooperative (Ron Becker)

The Pasco County Library System met in September. The new Director Sean McGarvey presented his mission and vision hoping to restore love of libraries from the past. An oral history project is one of the first priorities. Branch library renovations include a re-dedication of the South Holiday branch with the Regency Park branch still closed plus construction of the new Wesley Chapel branch underway.
  - The Friends of the New Port Richey Library (Nancy Cote)

Recent events include Gulf Harbors Civic Association Home and Trade Expo September 30 where 30 baskets were raffled and a successful first ever Cornhole Tournament October 7 netting \$3,500). Future events include the Children's Halloween Parade at the library on Friday October 27 at 11:15 am; Rummage Sale (Sunday November 5 from 10 am until 4 pm in cooperation with the West Pasco Historical Society and the West Pasco Art Guild); Harbors Market on Saturday November 11 from 9 until 2 pm and a volunteer appreciation luncheon on Wednesday December 6 at 12 noon.
  - Library Director's Update (Stephanie Jones replacing Andi Figart)
    - Ms. Jones stated October has been a very busy month at the library: Bats, Bats, Bats and More Bats October 12 program was very successful; the Monday Homeschooler Meetups continue to be well-received along with the Junior Citizen's Academy, cooking demos, and National Friends of Libraries Week October 15-21.
    - Ms. Jones stated that a new wrap is being placed on one of the Little Free Libraries—more children's books are also being solicited with their continuing popularity.
    - The new video produced by Library Advisory Board member Nicholas Pacini was shown featuring Florida State Representative Brad Yeager applying for his first library card at our library. The video will be presented to the City Manager and if approved for social media, will be used to use to promote the library.

**V. Continuing Business:**

- Nicholas Pacini presented the social media monthly September report. While September is generally a slower month, total shares of our posts are positive. It was suggested that a quarterly report be made to the City Council summarizing these figures—which is being passed to Andi Figart.
- Little Free Libraries continue to be very popular especially for children's books.

**VI. New Business:**

- Bonnie Martin made a motion which was seconded and passed naming Ron Becker as our representative on the Pasco County Library Advisory Board for another 3-year term.
- Ron Becker asked us to review the Florida Library Association letter dated October 18, 2023, (attached) detailing a new rule related to the Library Services and Technology Act Grants and Library Cooperative Grants awarded by the American Library Association which could have serious impact on the amount of future grants awarded to our library.
- Nicholas Pacini and Lewis Curtwright plan to attend the State of Florida Legislative Days in Tallahassee January 23-24. They also plan to be a part of the Florida Library Association Conference in Orlando May 15-17. Bonnie Martin suggested that we advocate for the FLA 2024 theme 'Florida Libraries Fundamental to Freedom.'

**VII. Communications:**

- The next meeting will be November 27, 2023, at 9:30 am at the library.

**VIII. Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 am.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Nancy M. Cote*

Nancy M. Cote, Secretary