

Library Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2024

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

- I. **Call to Order:** 9:35 a.m. by Ron Becker. A quorum was met.
- II. **Minutes:** The November 2023 minutes were unanimously accepted.
- III. **Public Comment:** None
- IV. **Officer/Committee Reports:**
 - Pasco County Library Advisory Board & Library Cooperative (Ron Becker)
 - The Pasco County Library System has not met since October 2023. Ron attended the re-dedication of the South Holiday Branch. The Regency Branch will re-open soon. Funds are still needed to renovate the Hudson Branch. The Library System will not attend Legislative Day this month due to the political climate.
 - The Friends of the New Port Richey Library (Nancy Cote)
 - Recent events included the volunteer appreciation luncheon held on December 6 with 21 attendees and the MLK Volunteer Fair on January 6 which resulted in 3 new individual memberships. Bonnie Martin has completed the FOL history—only editing is needed before publication.
 - Library Director's Update (Andi Figart)
 - The Library's first Day of Service Volunteer Fair was held January 6. In keeping with Dr. Martin Luther King's message, this Volunteer Fair was well-attended.
 - The Library Director highlighted the Thursday Musicale sing-out on January 25 with the Holocaust Remembrance program immediately following. The bi-lingual story time is resuming. The City of NPR Centennial Steering Council will hold its second meeting on February 1 at 6 pm. Anyone interested in serving on sub-committees may contact City Clerk Judy Meyers by letter or email.
 - One of the library's air units will be replaced. The fire alarm monitoring system was also upgraded to cell service. Public Works hosted a meeting of Dept Directors to evaluate the current alarm monitoring system, and PW will be reviewing a new company.
 - The Library Director stated that a request for funding for the mobile library branch has passed its first round of several required approvals. Brad Yeager (Florida House) and Ed Hooper (Florida Senate) submitted the finding request to their respective committees for the next step in the legislative process.
 - The Library Director alerted us to increasing numbers of public information requests regarding ALA and FLA memberships.
 - The Library Director shared FY2023 library statistics along with statistics for 2024 Q1. Quarterly statistics will be regularly presented.

V. Continuing Business:

- Nicholas Pacini and Lewis Curtwright will attend the January 24, 2024, Library Legislative Day in Tallahassee. They have three meetings: State Senator Danny Burgess; an aid to State Representative Kevin Steele; State Senator Ed Hooper and possibly State Representative Brad. They plan to discuss our library needs including: Higi machine; FOL fund-raising; invite aid to visit the library; emphasis on how the NPR Library serves everyone.
- Nicholas Pacini presented the quarterly Social Media report ending 12/31/2023.
- The newest Little Free Library for the Parks & Recreation Center will be open soon with monitoring by Nicholas Pacini.

VI. New Business:

- Ron Becker asked for a volunteer to replace Nancy Cote as Secretary who has resigned. Nicholas Pacini nominated Lewis Curtwright which was seconded by Bonnie Martin. The motion passed. Lewis will assume the position on February 26.
- The May LAB meeting will be held Monday, May 20, rather than May 27 due to the Memorial Day holiday.

VII. Communications:

- The next meeting will be February 26, 2024, at 9:30 am at the library.

VIII. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Cote

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