

Library Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2024

In Attendance: Ron Becker, Nancy Cote, Nicholas Pacini, Renee Tyner, Jayne Brewin, Joyce Haasnoot, Joan Nelson Hook, Lewis Curtwright (Via Microsoft Teams), and Andi Figart.

- I. **Call to Order:** 9:35 a.m. by Ron Becker. A quorum was met.
- II. **Minutes:** The June 2024 minutes were unanimously accepted.
- III. **Public Comment:** None
- IV. **Officer/Committee Reports:**
 - Pasco County Library Advisory Board & Library Cooperative (Ron Becker)
 - There were no new updates as the Pasco Cooperative does not meet in the summer. Meeting will resume in September.
 - The Friends of the New Port Richey Library (Nancy Cote)
 - Nancy updated the board on the Friends of the Library Masquerade Ball scheduled in October. Tickets are sold out and there is a waiting list for those who would like to still purchase a ticket.
 - Library Director's Update (Andrea Figart)
 - Director Figart provided the board with updates on summer programming, and upcoming fall programs. The library is in the process of becoming a passport acceptance facility this year, the library will be doing renewals only.
- V. **Continuing Business:**
 - The Little Free Libraries are still doing well, and books are always needed.
 - Nicholas Pacini reviewed the programming statistics and observed that the Riverside Concert Series concerts have had the highest engagement. He suggested focusing more on similar programming that drives higher audience interaction. Regarding youth engagement, while the views for the social media posts have increased, the number of follow-through clicks have declined.
- VI. **New Business:**
 - The libraries current Code of Conduct Policy was discussed. Director Figart requested that the board review it in preparation for a discussion on potential revisions at the September meeting. Several discussion points were raised in regards to loitering and sleeping in the library:
 - > City Attorney Driscoll, in a prior conversation, informed Director Figart that adding a loitering policy could be challenging, as it can be difficult to distinguish between someone loitering and someone simply reading a book.
 - > Director Figart stated that Pasco County has a no sleeping on premises rule for their patrons. It was suggested to consider enacting that rule for New Port Richey Public Library.

- > Currently the library will allow sleeping if the patron is not impeding any others access to the library, their ability to utilize library services, and as long as the patron does not interfere with staff's ability to perform their duties.

- The New Port Richey City Ordinance, Article VII, Section 221-223 was briefly discussed. Director Figart requested the board review it in preparation for a discussion on potential revisions at future meetings.

VII. Communications:

- The next meeting will be September 23rd at 9:30 a.m. at the library.

VIII. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.