

Library Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2024

In Attendance: Ron Becker, Nancy Cote, Nicholas Pacini, Marci Mihall, Renee Tyner, Bonnie Martin, Lewis Curtwright, City Liaison Andi Figart, Library Administrative Assistant Joyce Haasnoot. Joan Hook and Jayne Brewin were absent.

- I. **Call to Order:** 9:33 a.m. by Ron Becker. A quorum was met.
- II. **Minutes:** The August 2024 minutes were unanimously accepted. Bonnie Martin made a motion to approve, and Marci Mihall seconded.
- III. **Public Comment:** None
- IV. **Officer/Committee Reports:**
 - Pasco County Library Advisory Board & Library Cooperative (Ron Becker)
 - Ron updated the board on the first meeting back after summer break. There has been challenges to 130 books within the county library system. Previously it was only occurring in the school system. Two librarians will review the books and forward their recommendation to Pasco County Library Director Sean McGarvey for his decision. The County Commissioners can appeal Director McGarvey's decision. In the case of an appeal by the commissioners, the book challenge will then go to the County Library Advisory Board for a final decision.
 - The Friends of the New Port Richey Library (Nancy Cote)
 - Nancy shared with the board that FOL was invited to present to the State Division of Library and Information Sciences. Members of FOL and library staff are creating a slide show presentation to highlight FOL's accomplishments. The presentation will be recorded and used as a mentoring opportunity for other Friends groups to learn from.
 - Library Director's Update (Andrea Figart)
 - Director Figart provided the board with updates on programs planned for the fall as well as centennial updates.
- V. **Continuing Business:**
 - The Little Free Libraries are still doing well, and books are always needed. The next one is ready to be installed in Frances Avenue Park.
 - The library Code of Conduct Policy was discussed. Nicholas Pacini created a draft revised version of the original; some suggestions and recommendations following a discussion were:
 - Create a section on pets, specifically service animals.
 - Create a section on unattended children and the library policy
 - The New Port Richey City Ordinance, Article VII, was discussed. Some recommendations for changes were:
 - Remove any outdated verbiage, for example Section 2-217, section (d) refers to microform print outs which is not used anymore.

- Section 2-217, Section (b), rewrite verbiage more specific. Clarify who pays a fee for a library card, is it non-city residents and 6-month residents? Clarify the price is \$12.50 for a card.
- Section 2-217, add in cost for meeting room rentals.
- Programming statistics for August were presented. All statistics look good and the board would like to see a yearly month to month comparison on the report.

VI. New Business:

- Matthew Ortmann, Marketing Specialist for the library, presented a sneak peek of the new city website. He highlighted the library's dedicated page on the website and the various sub-pages. He mentioned that after the new website is launched, anyone who visits the current address, npribrary.org, will automatically be redirected to the new site.

VII. Communications:

- The next meeting will be October 28th at 9:30 a.m. at the library.

VIII. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.