

Library Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

November 25, 2024

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

- I. Call to Order:** 9:33 a.m. by Ron Becker. A quorum was met.
- II. Minutes:** The October 2024 minutes were unanimously accepted. Bonnie Martin made a motion to approve, Nancy Cote second.
- III. Public Comment:** None
- IV. Officer/Committee Reports:**
 - Pasco County Library Advisory Board & Library Cooperative (Ron Becker)
 - No updates. The Board has not met for several months and will meet again in January 2025.
 - The Friends of the New Port Richey Library (Nancy Cote)
 - Nancy shared with the Board the success of the rummage sale and let the Board know about their ongoing membership sale and upcoming events.
 - Library Director's Update (Andrea Figart)
 - Director Figart provided the Board with updates on library programs planned for early 2025 along with staffing updates. She briefly discussed the process in which Council decides which legislative priorities to focus on via work session discussions.
- V. Continuing Business:**
 - The Little Free Libraries are still doing well and books are always needed. The newest Little Free Library was installed at Frances Avenue Park.
 - The Code of Conduct Policy was discussed. No changes were suggested and the code will be prepared to submit for final approval.
 - The New Port Richey City Ordinance Article VII was discussed. No changes were suggested and the ordinance will be prepared to submit for final approval.
 - Programming statistics for the month of October were presented. Fewer library programming events were held during the summer months this fiscal year 2024 as compared to years past. This was due to staff working on the city centennial events that were hosted as city-wide programs outside the library.

VI. New Business:

- Library Director Figart informed the Board about a new grant application for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. The library is seeking funding through an LSTA grant to equip its new mobile branch with technology. The proposed equipment includes Chromebooks, Wi-Fi hotspots that will be available for patron checkout, and direct internet access. When not in use by the mobile branch, equipment will also support in-library programming. Library Director Figart requested letters of support from individual members of the Board.

VII. Communications:

- The next meeting will be January 27th, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. at the library. The Board voted unanimously to cancel the December meeting due to the holiday.

VIII. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.