

Library Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2025

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

- I. **Call to Order:** 9:34 a.m. by Ron Becker. A quorum was met.
- II. **Minutes:** The January 2025 minutes were unanimously accepted. Nick Pacini moved to approve, and Renee Tyner seconded.
- III. **Public Comment:** None
- IV. **Officer/Committee Reports:**
 - Pasco County Library Advisory Board & Library Cooperative (Ron Becker)
 - Chairman Becker updated the Board on the January meeting. He stated there was continued discussion regarding removal of books from the Pasco Library circulation. Pasco Libraries is looking into creating a juvenile library card that allows a parent to place restrictions on what books a child can check-out.
 - The Friends of the New Port Richey Library (Nancy Cote)
 - Nancy updated the Board on Friends fundraising efforts. They are hosting a luncheon in April and a rummage sale in May. They are looking for volunteers to host a Friends table at the Summer Kick Off Touch a Truck event at the library May 31st.
 - Library Director's Update (Andrea Figart)
 - Director Figart provided the Board with updates on various library programs and staffing updates. The LSTA grant that was applied for in November, which will assist in funding the purchase of technology for the mobile library branch, is under review by the State and we will have an answer at the next meeting.
 - Library was awarded the Seeds of Knowledge Grant which awards \$750 to grow local wildflowers and maintain them for a year, provide educational components, and use seeds to give away. The library is in need of volunteers to help with upkeep of the flower gardens.
- V. **Continuing Business:**
 - The Little Free Libraries are doing well. Donations are always needed, children's books go fast.
 - Statistics for January 2025 were reviewed, with no comments from the group. There continues to be steady and increasing circulation and foot traffic numbers.

VI. New Business:

- There are currently two open membership spots on the Library Advisory Board. Eligible candidates must reside within the city and attend two meetings before their application is considered for council approval. The board seeks candidates who will advocate for the New Port Richey Public Library and its mission.
- Meeting attendance guidelines were discussed. Board members must adhere to attendance rules to maintain their position. Two unexcused absences will result in dismissal from the board. Virtual attendance does not count toward official attendance in accordance with Florida Statute. Additionally, members attending virtually do not contribute to the quorum and are not permitted to vote.
- FLA Library Legislative Day is March 11th in Tallahassee. Nick Pacini will attend and advocate for the New Port Richey Public Library. He will meet with Andi and Sean McGarvey, Pasco Libraries Director, to brainstorm ideas.
- Once Nick presents his report from FLA Legislative Days, the board will draft a letter of thanks to the various representatives he met with, along with other state and local representatives.

VII. Communications:

- The next meeting will be March 24th, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. at the library.

VIII. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m.