

# Library Advisory Board Meeting

## August 29, 2022

**In Attendance:** Joan Hook, Nancy Cote, Jayne Brewin, Marci Mihall, Ron Becker and Andi Figart. Guest Nick Pacini was introduced. He is applying to join our Library Advisory Board attending his first meeting

I. **Call to Order:** 9:46 a.m. by Chair Ron Becker. A quorum was met.

II. **Minutes:** The July minutes were unanimously accepted.

III. **Public Comment:** None

IV. **Officer/Committee Reports:**

A. Pasco County Library Advisory Board & Library Cooperative Board (Ron Becker)

The Board has not met due to summer schedule with next meeting in September where the annual budget will be on the agenda.

B. The Friends of the New Port Richey Library (Ron Becker)

- The invitation to the Library Lover's Ball (February 9, 2023 gala) was discussed.
- A high school essay contest has been added to invite students in grades 9-12 at Gulf High, Wendell Krinn Technical High and home schoolers living within the New Port Richey city limits. Tickets are priced at \$55.00 (FOL members discounted to \$48.00) with table of 8 costing \$375.00 (Contact Bonnie Martin for details).
- Elfers Merry Market participation is planned on Saturday November 12 with set-up on Friday November 11.
- FOL social media presence is on upturn. Local merchant discounts may be available for FOL members in the future increasing our presence at local events.
- The first FOL-sponsored Little Free Library has been completed and to be located at the James E. Grey Preserve. He is building a second one to be located in the Cotee River Park.

C. Library Director's Update Andi Figart)

- The Library Director provided statistics from the IMLS (The Institute of Museum and Library Services) website on our library's visits between 2016 and 2020:
  - 5.17 visits per capita, compared to 2.24 nationally and 1.59 for Florida.
  - For service, our library had circulation per capita of just under 16,000, compared to 8.06 for all libraries, 5.05 nationally and 3.61 for Florida.
  - Further, for every 100 visits to the library, 15 people attended a program of whom 2 are children; 14 out of 100 used a computer; 71 of 100 checked out a book or other material (omits virtual, ecard use or streaming).

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- The Library Director highlighted upcoming programs:
  - The Annual Okra Occasion September 3 at the library from 11 am to 1 pm
  - September 13 English for Families for 10 weeks from 5 to 6:30 pm
  - October 28 Halloween annual story time and parade at 11 am
  - Special certificate award to first child to read 1,000 books before kindergarten (he is 2.5 years old) at City Council meeting on September 20.
  - New painting workshops are starting September 10 requiring pre-registration
  - Random Fandom features the Golden Girls on September 28 from 2 to 3 pm
  - Rhymes to Readers (well attended) now twice a week Thursday at 1 pm and Friday at 11 am.
- The Library Director emphasized the notary service (\$10/stamp).
- Volunteers are requested for (a) Literacy for Life – individual weekly meetings with 5 students; (b) Information Technology volunteers needed for 1 on 1 basic computer skills; (c) LIFE HACK ACADEMY course teachers required to teach life skills.

### **V. Continuing Business:**

- The Library Director met virtually on August 26 with Strategic Planning Consultant Debbie Joy whose team is compiling the results of the in-person workshops and surveys.

### **VI. Next Meeting:** October 3, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. in the Library's Avery Room.

### **VII. Adjourn:** By unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy M. Cote*

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