

Library Advisory Board Meeting

October 3, 2022

In Attendance: Joan Hook, Nancy Cote, Jayne Brewin, Marci Mihall, Ron Becker and Andi Figart. Nick Pacini attended his second meeting having applied to join this Library Advisory Board.

I. **Call to Order:** 9:32 a.m. by Chair Ron Becker. A quorum was met.

II. **Minutes:** The August 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 met September 13. The Regency Park Library will close 10/15/22 for remodeling and expected to reopen in early 2024. The New River Branch Library dedicated its new Butterfly Garden, while the Starkey Ranch Theatre Library will soon be hosting many theatre and concert events. Ron will invite the board to schedule a future monthly meeting at our library featuring a renovations tour.

B. The Friends of the New Port Richey Library (Nancy Cote)

- Planning continues with outreach to sponsors for the Library Lover's Ball (February 9, 2023 gala).
- The high school essay contest will be kicked off just prior to National Friends of the Library week (October 16-22) for students in grades 9-12 at New Port Richey high schools including public, private, parochial and home schoolers with first place award of \$250, second place award \$150 and third place award of \$100. The winner will be invited to read the essay at a New Port Richey City Council meeting in February 2023.

C. Library Director's Update Andi Figart)

- The Library Director announced that Hurricane Ian forced the library to close at 3 pm Tuesday September 25 and was reopened on Friday September 28 with no damage and no leaks thanks to the staff having completed earlier training which included rewriting the emergency policies and putting them into action.
- The Library Director is hoping that New Port Richey City Public Works Department can complete the Little Free Library placements in James E. Grey Preserve and Cotee River Park soon. The Friends of the New Port Richey Public Library will stock these little libraries. The Library Director announced that a new Public Address system will be installed by the Public Works Department in the library under the supervision of Member Support Librarian Jeffrey McGill.
- Elaine Smith, retired Recreation & Aquatic Center Director, has coordinated a huge donation of children's books for Toys for Tots. They shared Children's books. They will be added to the collection as well as given away at special library events and outreaches, in the Little Free Libraries and at NorthBay Hospital for their Christmas Lights celebration.
- The Library Director will be speaking to an area Rotary club and the Library Admin Team will be hosting the City of New Port Richey Citizen's Academy.

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- The Library Director highlighted upcoming programs:
 - The Florida State Library has awarded NPR Public Library a \$68,700 LSTA grant 'From Room to Zoom' for a new audio-visual system for the second floor—bids are now being accepted for completion before June 2023.
 - October 28 Halloween annual story time and parade at 11 am.

- V. Continuing Business:**
 - . The City Council accepted the New Port Richey Public Library Strategic Plan Fiscal Year 2023-2027 draft at their September 20th meeting. Final corrections are now being made by Consultant Debbie Joy. The cost of the study was \$18,000 which was offset by a \$5,000 grant from the Tampa Bay Library Consortium. The new fiscal year began October 1 during which the 2023 goals will be addressed.
 - Nancy Cote made a motion to recommend Nick Pacini as a new member of this Library Advisory Board to the City Council. Marci Mihali seconded the motion which was unanimously accepted.
 - Joan Hook requested that a Little Free Library brochure be drafted to publicize this new program.

- VI. Next Meeting:** October 31, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. in the Library's Avery Room.

- VII. Adjourn:** By unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Cote

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