

Library Advisory Board Meeting November 28, 2022

In Attendance: Joan Hook, Nancy Cote, Jayne Brewin, Ron Becker, Bonnie Martin, Nicholas Pacini, and Andi Figart.

- I. Call to Order:** 9:34 a.m. by Chair Ron Becker. A quorum was met.
- II. Minutes:** The October 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 since October 11 and will resume 1/10/2023. Lobbying of Florida state senators and representatives will be March 21-22,2023, in Tallahassee with funds available to offset travel expenses. We are encouraged to meet individually with these representatives in their local offices as well. Ron has offered a tour of our newly renovated library.

B. The Friends of the New Port Richey Library (Bonnie Martin)

- Planning continues with outreach to sponsors for the Library Lover's Ball (February 9, 2023, gala).
- The fund-raising event at the CARES Elfers Merry Market November 12 brought in \$543.00
- The holiday lunch to honor volunteers will be held December 7 at Rose's Bistro off Main.
- Paper bags are being supplied to Tasty Tuesdays.
- Professional videography has started for the Friends video to be completed for the Library Lover's Ball sponsored by Tru-Line Electric.

C. Library Director's Update Andi Figart)

- The Library Director announced that there are two seats available on this Library Advisory Board, both of which need to be filled by New Port Richey city residents—please reach out to those who may be interested.
- The Library Director stated that library staff will soon have automated badges to access doors throughout the library.
- The Library Director welcomes new staff member Tomas Monzon, Information Assistant II who starts November 30. She also seeks candidates for new part-time position with marketing responsibilities.
- The Library Director sent a thank-you letter to the Tampa Bay Library Consortium for their on-going assistance

- The Library Director awaits improvements in the library website now scheduled with the City’s Information Technology department. Nicholas Pacini requested that NPR Library website track impact from each library event/flyer as well as comparison to the Pasco County Library System and Tampa Bay Library Consortium. He also suggested that a QR code be added to the NPR Library flyers and video that is currently in production.
- The Library Director stated that the library will have a float “Nightmare before Christmas” in the downtown street parade December 10. The City will also have a boat parade on December 3.
- The Library Director passed out program information for The Roots of Black Music in America (Karlus Trapp) on November 29, a new solar energy flyer showing benefits and savings since the library had solar panels installed in December 2021 and the December Library Calendar.
- The Library Director requested assistance in finding a vendor for architectural photography of the library as well as a dance instructor.

V. Continuing Business:

- The final copy of the Strategic Plan should be received soon.
- There are two open positions on the Library Advisory Board—applicants are encouraged to apply and must live within the New Port Richey city limits.
- Friends of the Library chose paint colors for the Tiny Library to be placed in the James E. Grey Preserve which should be installed by Public Works soon.

VI. New Business:

- The Library Director will apply to establish an award to honor our Friends of the Library at the Florida Library Association and requests that the LAB write letters of support.
- The Library Director distributed a new Social Media Monthly Report, created by Librarian II, Jessica Meredith.

VII. Other

- The next meeting will be January 23, 2023, at 9:30 am at the library.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Cote

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