

Library Advisory Board Meeting February 27, 2023

In Attendance: Joan Hook, Nancy Cote, Jayne Brewin, Bonnie Martin, Nicholas Pacini and Andi Figart. Guests: Lewis Curtwright, and Renee Tyner

- I. **Call to Order:** 9:33 a.m. by Bonnie Martin. A quorum was met.
- II. **Minutes:** The January minutes were unanimously accepted.
- III. **Public Comment:** Lewis Curtwright introduced himself and provided resume (attached) as potential candidate for Library Advisory Board
- IV. **Officer/Committee Reports:**
 - A. Pasco County Library Advisory Board & Library Cooperative Board (Andi Figart attended in Ron Becker's absence)
 - The Zephyrhills Public Library is searching for a new director.
 - A new upgraded online library catalog became available February 15.
 - Protestors attended a recent Pasco County Commission meeting requesting that county library collections pull any book with LBTQ+ words in the title which was a surprise since none of the libraries have had any official complaints. The LAB is encouraged to review censorship research as well as the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights. Our library has had only one official complaint many years ago.
 - The Public Relations Team started a book review on the local ABC TV Action News Morning Blend Channel 11.
 - B. The Friends of the New Port Richey Library (Bonnie Martin)
 - Library Lover's Ball (February 9, 2023) gala was a success grossing \$26K and netting \$18.5K. Bonnie thanked the LAB for sponsoring a table.
 - C. Library Director's Update (Andi Figart)
 - The Library Director handed out Florida Library Association Advocacy Action Center talking points (see attached) and encouraged LAB to set appointments with local elected officials or to use www.fla.org to contact them easily.
 - The Library Director stated that the NPR City Council approved the \$68K LSTA grant received for new AV equipment.
 - The Library Director announced that she hopes to hire two new part-time staffers soon with candidate background checks underway leaving one position unfilled. Hopefully with full staff, library hours can be extended starting April 1 with Monday thru Thursday hours 10 am to 7 pm and Saturday 10 am to 5 pm.
- V. **Continuing Business:**
 - The Little Free Library funded by NPR Friends of the Library has been installed by the Public Works Department in the James E. Grey Preserve soon with LAB invited to a photo opportunity at 1:30 pm today.
 - Nick Pacini presented the Social Media Monthly Report comparing several months (see attached).

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VI. New Business:

- Library Director Andi Figart presented the Revised Meeting Room Policy and requested an additional sentence to be added at the bottom of page 1 (see attached): "Room Reservations will be cancelled if the group has not arrived by 15 minutes past the requested time."
- Nancy Cote made a motion to add this sentence, seconded by Bonnie Martin and approved. Nick Pacini volunteered to be Vice Chair-person of the LAB. Jayne Brewin made a motion to nominate Nick, seconded by Nancy Cote and was approved.
- Nick Pacini will attend the Library Legislative Days in Tallahassee March 21-22 with travel expenses submitted to the NPR City Council or the Friends of the NPR Library as back-up.

VII. Other

- The next meeting will be March 27, 2023, at 9:30 am at the library.
- Nancy Cote asked whether the LAB has insurance coverage in case of a lawsuit—Andi Figart replied that the City of New Port Richey does provide that coverage to us.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Cote

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