

Library Advisory Board Meeting March 27, 2023

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

- I. **Call to Order:** 9:33 a.m. by Ron Becker. A quorum was met.
- II. **Minutes:** The February minutes were unanimously accepted.
- III. **Public Comment:** Lewis Curtwright introduced himself as potential candidate for Library Advisory Board attending his second meeting having submitted his application and endorsed by the LAB with a motion from Nicholas Pacini, seconded by Bonnie Martin and approved.
- 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 has hired for a new director Peggy Panak, previously the Assistant Director.
 - Andi thanked us for our support of libraries by contacting area state legislators and requested attendance at the annual Florida Library Association Conference May 17-19 in Daytona Beach.
 - Andi also thanked Bonnie Martin, President Emeritus of the Friends of the NPR Library for her long service.
 - The Pasco County Library Advisory Board & Library Cooperative Board will tour our library on March 31
 - B. The Friends of the New Port Richey Library (Nancy Cote)
 - Annual meeting was held February 27 during which Bonnie Martin was presented a clock as a memento. Elected officers include Nancy Cote, President; Sherry Jackson, Vice President; Jean Lebvre, Secretary; and Barbara Hacker, Treasurer.
 - NPR Public Works installed the newest Little Free Library in James E. Grey's Preserve which featured a commemorative Board photo and with thanks to volunteer Hal McCallus for his artistry. NPR Public Works will install the newest Cotee River Little Free Library soon.
 - Over 50 area businesses donated time, talents and treasures to the Friends' fundraising activities in the last 10 months.
 - C. Library Director's Update (Andi Figart)
 - The Library Director announced that the City of New Port Richey's Citizen Academy will tour the library on March 30.
 - The Library Director reminded the Board to attend the City of New Port Richey's annual volunteer dinner at the Spartan Manor on April 20.
 - The Library Director announced the hiring of Karen Wise leaving one part-time position still open. Member Support Librarian Jeff McGill is still on medical leave but improving. Two staffers are attending Service Animal training.
 - The Library Director summarized the LSTA grant From Room to Zoom with

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requirements being met including updated cameras now in place, upgraded fiber optics, a new copy machine with repairs to a second copier, clean-up of roof top solar panels coated with pollen, and a new air conditioner for the server room.

V. Continuing Business:

- Nicholas Pacini attended Library Legislative Days in Tallahassee March 21-22 and had a great experience meeting with District Congressman Brad Yeager. He also presented the Social Media Monthly Report (see attached).

- VI. New Business:** Library Director Andi Figart presented book challenges with book ban attempts happening more frequently across the US (see attached) and requested that we visit www.unitedgainstbookbans.org. She also requested that we attend the Florida Library Association Annual Conference in Daytona Beach May 19—The Friends of the NPR Library is a new member. Andi noted that Bonnie Martin has been nominated for the outstanding Friends Member Award along with the NPR Friends nominated for their Library Lover’s Ball event plus the Special Project Award for the book benches outside the library and the buddy benches in area parks.

VII. Other

- The next meeting will be April 24, 2023, at 9:30 am at the library.
- Joan Hook passed around the March 26 article from the Tampa Bay Times featuring primarily Hillsborough County libraries hoping that we obtain similar publicity. Joan also requested that an additional New Port Richey DART trolley stop be added near the library for Tasty Tuesdays since parking is so challenging. Library Director Andi Figart will contact the Recreation and Aquatic Department with the request.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Cote

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