

Library Advisory Board Meeting April 24, 2023

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

- I. **Call to Order:** 9:35 a.m. by Ron Becker. A quorum was met.
- II. **Minutes:** The March minutes were unanimously accepted.
- III. **Public Comment:** None
- IV. **Officer/Committee Reports:**
 - A. Pasco County Library Advisory Board & Library Cooperative (Ron Becker)
 - The Pasco County Library System has been named Florida Library Association Library of the year and will be honored at the annual conference in Daytona Beach on May 19. Note that our library was the first to receive that award some years ago.
 - A renovations budget is being prepared for the Hudson branch; a new library is being planned for Wesley Chapel in conjunction with a school; the Regency branch is still closed during renovations.
 - 1,269 attempts to ban books were received in 2022.
 - The Pasco County Library Advisory Board & Library Cooperative Board toured our library on March 31
 - B. The Friends of the New Port Richey Library (Nancy Cote)
 - We are celebrating National Library Week this week with extensive social media and a Library Workers Day luncheon on April 25.
 - A bookish tea party is scheduled for Tuesday May 9 at the White Heron Tea and Gifts at 12 noon—proceeds will be used for the bookmobile project.
 - We are assisting Parks & Recreation with the Kids to Parks Day on Saturday May 20 at the James E. Grey Preserve from 10 to 12 noon featuring a new StoryWalk, crafts and free books.
 - Bonnie Martin will receive the 2023 Outstanding Achievement Award for her many contributions to our NPR Friends of the Library. Bonnie will receive this award on May 19 at the annual conference being held in Daytona Beach. Further, our library was a charter member of FLA in 1920.
 - C. Library Director's Update (Andi Figart)
 - The Library Director announced that two staffers are attending Service Animal training.
 - The Library Director is on temporary assignment as staff Liaison to the city's Environmental Committee. She asked for volunteers for Martin Luther King Day event in Sims Park on Saturday January 14, 2024.
 - The Library Director notified us that county bus passes will be on sale in the library for the first-time starting soon. Lewis Curtwright suggested that advertising be placed on the route 14 bus which stops at the library.
 - The Library Director called attention to the standards sheet to maintain the Sunshine Law provisions as board members both for meetings and email communications.
 - The Library Director updated the bookmobile project having spoken to the new head of the DART trolley.

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- Joan Hook suggested that a vacant building's parking area near the library might be a source of additional parking for Tasty Tuesday's Community Market. The Library Director will contact the City Manager Debbie Manns.
- The newest Little Free Library has been installed at Cotee River Park. Registration for our Little Free Libraries has been completed—now part of the national organization with tags being installed by Public Works.
- The LSTA Grant "From Room to Zoom" implementation is nearly complete—AV equipment should arrive prior to August 1.

V. Continuing Business:

Nicholas Pacini presented the social media monthly report which shows substantial progress.

VI. New Business

- Youth Librarian Jessica Meredith announced the Summer Reading Challenge which debuts in June and has the theme "FIND YOUR NEXT." The national theme is "ALL TOGETHER NOW." Badges, programs, reading goals are underway.
- Florida Library Association annual conference will be held May 17-19 in Daytona Beach. Several library staffers are attending as well as some of this Board.

VII. Other

- The next meeting will be May 22, 2023, at 9:30 am at the library.
- Nick Pacini suggested board games as a possible Random Fandom program.
- Nick Pacini requested that the Board provide a recommendation for his candidacy to the University of South Florida's Master's program in economics. Ron Becker will provide after receiving Nick's resume prior to the June 1 deadline.
- A May 5 concert featuring Jeff Randall will be presented near the Grassin Bridge in Sims Park sponsored by the library.
- May and June library programs include Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel assistance.

VIII. Adjournment

The was adjourned at 10:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Cote

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