

New Port Richey Library Advisory Board (LAB)
Minutes
2/25/2019

In attendance:

Board of Directors: Mark Vandebroek, Liz Harth, Peter Segal, Andrea Figart, Joan Hook, Jane Brewyn, Diane Ayers, Marci Mihall, and Bonnie Martin

Guest: Judy Meyers, New Port Richey City Clerk, and Judy Signor from Friends of the New Port Richey Library joined later during the meeting

Call to Order: at 9:30 a.m. by President, Joan Hook.

Joan introduced the new alternate board director, Jane Brewyn. She was welcomed by regular board members who introduced themselves.

Joan reminded the board members that there is still an opening for a city resident on the LAB.

Joan presented an overview of the LAB, its purpose, membership, duties, etc.

Library Director Report:

Staffing: The library is now completely staffed. The two newest employees are Anthuan Legvaclaro and Laurie Anderson. Andi indicated she is now interviewing for the new marketing position and the high quality of applicants is making a choice very difficult. The last interview is today.

Update on renovations:

- The City Council approved the design phase.
- Shelves are currently being moved to make room for a display of services which the library offers. Repairs are being made to the carpeting which was absent under the relocated shelving. These steps are not part of the renovations being designed by the architects but are current maintenance issues.

New policies and procedures are being developed in the next few months. LAB will need to review them when completed.

Proposal for new service: A resident has an extensive collection of artwork and has approached Andi with the idea of donating them for lending through the library. Displaying some of the work was also suggested. Andi will check with the city attorney to see if a fee can be charged for checkout and whether the fee can be accepted by the LAB for the library. The question of insuring the artwork will also be explored.

Cooperative event: Joan provided an overview of her recent attendance at the Pasco County Library Advisory Boards meeting and the Library Cooperative Board. She indicated it is important to form partnerships with the other libraries and organizations. Andi added that the New Port Richey Public Library chooses not to be a member of the county cooperative board because their acquisition of state funding goes to the county and to services our library already

provides. However we do cooperate with them. Joan and Andi also shared information on various resources for construction money.

Guest Presentation: Judy Meyers presented an overview of the Sunshine Laws and their applicability to LAB members.

Minutes: The minutes from the January 2019 meeting were reviewed and unanimously accepted.

Old Business:

Joan discussed the library's 100th anniversary and stated her belief that the LAB should celebrate it more as a commemoration and the Friends of the NPR Library provide a more celebratory event for the centennial recognition.

Bonnie suggested the LAB hold a commemoration in December 2019 since Dr. Avery founded the Avery Library and Historical Society in December 1919 and the Friends group hold the birthday event in April 2020 which is 100 years from when the library officially opened.

Diane and Judy discussed National Library Week (4/19 – 4/26) and recommended we have a library presentation developed and displayed on the digital boards in Sims Park.

Joan added that we should present National Library Week to the NPR City Council and request they establish a city proclamation related to National Library Week.

Diane suggested we have an article in the newspaper regarding the library history and related celebrations.

New Business:

A LAB Vice President needs to be elected in March.

Adjourn:

Bonnie made a motion to adjourn at 10:50 a.m. and it was seconded by Marci. The motion passed unanimously.