

## New Port Richey Library Advisory Board (LAB)

### Meeting Minutes<sup>[1]</sup><sub>SEP</sub>

3/25/2019

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

**Call to Order:** at 9:30 a.m. by President, Joan Hook. All board members introduced themselves. Joan asked if there were any nominations or volunteers for a LAB Vice Chair. None were forthcoming.

Last month's minutes were distributed and read. Marci made a motion to accept the minutes and Diane seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

#### Library Director Report:

- Andi announced the Proclamation of April 7 - 13 as National Library Week for the City of New Port Richey will be presented at the City Council meeting on Apr. 2, 2019. She invited the LAB's attendance at the meeting as a good show of support.
- Andi presented feedback from Baycare Behavioral Health regarding the Library's HERO Program. The program is a weekly, supportive group meeting for tweens and teens re: sexual identification and gender issues. These LGBT students, or those with LGBT concerns, meet at the library which is a bully-free zone for them. This group was initiated as a result of Baycare's contact with Jessica Meredith, the Youth Education Librarian, regarding student bullying experiences and their use of the adolescent crisis center at Baycare. Recently, the Baycare representative did a follow-up study of intake statistics at the crisis center. It showed that none of the HERO members have been in the crisis center since starting their meetings at the library. She feels it is due to the fact that the adolescents feel accepted in a safe place for support and discussion. <sup>[1]</sup><sub>SEP</sub>
- Tuesday, April 9th is National Library Workers Day. The American Library Association has a Nationwide gold star program where others can nominate Library Staff for Gold Star Service. Andi invited Library Advisory Board Members to take part in sharing a few words of encouragement about the NPR Library Staff. Results will be presented to staff that day. Library patrons can go to the website and "give" a gold star to a library staff person for their efforts. The stars and positive comments will be shared with the staff on April 9th. <sup>[1]</sup><sub>SEP</sub>
- Andi also reminded us that National Library Week is 4/7/19 - 4/13/19 and National Library Volunteer Week is the same week. She asked the board members of LAB and the Friends of the Library to stop at the desk during that week and pick up a special gift they will have for us. <sup>[1]</sup><sub>SEP</sub>
- The new Collection Development Policy and Meeting Room Policies were distributed by Andi. She asked that we review them and give feedback at next month's meeting. Joan reminded the LAB that one of the LAB's few legal duties is to discuss new policies and advise the Library Director. <sup>[1]</sup><sub>SEP</sub>
- The Library is investigating and getting bids on a new print system for the library. The current program is cumbersome to use and will not be compatible with the new MAC OS the Library is upgrading to. The current system has limited features which are not up-to-date with member's current technological needs. The new system will allow such features as: printing from cell phones, taking credit or debit cards for payment, and have a photo quality scanner. The new print system will need a high <sup>[1]</sup><sub>SEP</sub>capacity server to handle the system. Prior to purchase, Andi will discuss these high budget items with the City Manager for approval.
- Andi showed the LAB members the new library cards which have a photo of the library<sup>[1]</sup><sub>SEP</sub> as the old Pierce School in

commemoration of the Library's centennial anniversary. [SEP]

- The library has a new coat of paint on the main floor which is brighter and eye-appealing. [SEP] Andi indicates the design phase of the renovations is moving forward and should be finished by the end of July. She, the Public Works Director, and the City Manager meet every two weeks with the architects for updates. [SEP] **Old Business** [SEP] *Legislative support:* Joan asked that we write letters to our local Pasco Legislative Delegation in support of upgrades for our city library. She asked that this be done by the 28th for timely arrival at their offices. [SEP] *Centennial Celebration:* Joan mentioned that the library was founded by Dr. Elroy Avery and was named the New Port Richey Library and Historical Society. She suggests we devise a celebration in conjunction with the current New Port Richey Historical Society. It was also noted that the city was founded after the library. The library was incorporated in 1924 and Dr. Avery was the first Mayor. [SEP] Bonnie and Marci added that the Friends of the New Port Richey Library will follow the LAB celebration with activities from Jan. through April of 2020 to keep the momentum and the library centennial in the public eye. Judy noted that the first Chasco Fiesta event was in 1922 and was held to raise money for the library. [SEP] Mark and Andi recommended the library have a presence in the Chasco event next year.

[SEP] **New Business:** [SEP]

- The Friends of the Centennial Park Library, a county library, has invited the LAB and Friends to a 10:00a.m. coffee on April 11th in celebration of National Library Week. [SEP]
- The City of New Port Richey is holding a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on 4/16/19 at 6pm at the Spartan Manor. The LAB is invited through mailed invitations. [SEP]
- Joan announced that Andi has been invited to serve on the Citizen's Advisory Council for North Bay Hospital. [SEP]
- Andi mentioned that the NPR Library is a member of the National Medical Library Association because our library educates the public on medical and health information and resources. This membership makes trainings available to library staff and has grants, as well as traveling exhibits, available to the library at various times. [SEP]
- Diane suggested the library hours, phone number, and website be printed on bookmarks for patrons, rather than a large sheet of paper. Marci offered to have that information placed on the back of the Friends of the Library bookmarks and have them available for library patrons. [SEP]

**Adjourn:** A motion, second, and unanimous agreement to adjourn took place at 10:30 a.m.

The next meeting is April 22, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

**Bonnie M. Martin** [SEP]

Bonnie M. Martin, Secretary