

New Port Richey Library Advisory Board (LAB)
Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2019

In attendance: Board of Directors: Mark Vandebroek, Peter Segal, Andrea Figart, Joan Hook, Jayne Brewin, Dianne Ayers, and Bonnie Martin
Excused: Liz Harth and Marci Mihall

Call to Order: at 9:35 a.m. by President, Joan Hook.

Minutes: Last month's minutes were distributed and read. A motion was made to accept the minutes. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Library Director Report:

- Staff recently attended the Florida Library Association Conference for professional development and training. New staff were very excited and motivated.
- Staff are working on a solar panel grant. Andi indicated the odds are not favorable in being a grant recipient but it is a great experience for staff. Grant recipients will be announced in mid-June. Andi also spoke of the benefits in having a library building with solar electricity.
- The library received a \$2,851.00 grant from LSTA for innovation. The grant will help with the purchase of the new TBS printer system. Andi updated us on the library's progress in acquiring the new system.
- The Summer Reading Challenge will be offered again this summer. There will be many more offerings for adults this summer. The library will also be offering a new health and wellness series.
- The budget which Andi submitted to the City of New Port Richey Manager included a request for five thousand dollars for the library's centennial celebrations. It will include an integrated celebration of several local organizations: the Friends of the New Port Richey Library, The Historical Society, the Library Advisory Board, the New Port Richey Public Library, and the Cultural Affairs Committee.

Old Business:

- The updated Meeting Room Policies were presented by Andi. Mark asked who paid for staff during after hours rentals. Andi indicated it was included in the room rental fees. Mark also suggested refreshments should be charged separately to the renters. Andi will make that change when the new fee schedule is submitted to the City Council. Mark made a motion to approve the policies and it was seconded by Peter. All approved and the motion passed.
- Dianne asked for an update on the state funding. Andi indicated it was progressing through the legislature and would go to the governor next.

- Centennial Celebration: Joan commented on the centennial parade and presented a list of books which were popular in the ten decades since, and including, 1920. Each golf cart can choose a decade and book. Each driver and passenger in the golf cart will dress for the period chosen. Posters representing the decade book will be designed for both sides of the cart. Dianne asked whether we need permission to use the pictures of the book covers. Joan indicated that an exact copy was not going to be used.

New Business:

- Bonnie brought up discussion about the certification for Public Library Administrator. Andi does not hold this certification and will look into whether it would be worthwhile and recognized. Bonnie suggested, that if financial help was needed, the Friends of the Library might be able to help with funding for the certification.
- Andi notified the LAB that a team from the Williams architectural firm would be coming to the library this week and present a more detailed floor plan with some component pricing.
- It was noted by several members that the City of New Port Richey is in the process of possibly purchasing the County Health Department building on Bank St. Joan spoke with the city mayor who suggested the building may house the children's library and a children's museum. LAB members voiced concerns about bifurcating the library services. Concerns such as family library timek costs of staffing, and duplication of equipments were discussed. The LAB members agreed that they could see value in such a move but had grave concerns that, once again, some funding would be taken from the library and other city departments to fund the new venture.
- A short discussion ensued about the lack of understanding that the community and our city leaders had regarding about the importance of our city library. With poor knowledge of the library's programs and services the public's perception may be skewed and thereby minimize the library's importance as a community hub.

Adjourn: A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 10:40 a.m. It met with unanimous agreement.

The next meeting is June 24, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie M. Martin

Bonnie M. Martin, Secretary