

New Port Richey Library Advisory Board (LAB)
Meeting Minutes
Sept. 23, 2019

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

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

Minutes: The August minutes were reviewed and Mark made a motion to accept. Marci gave the second and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Discussion: Joan indicated we had some pertinent old business that we should discuss prior to other topics. She indicated that our advocacy for the library construction grant was time sensitive. Our library was not chosen to receive the State of Florida Library Construction Grant last year, but we have an opportunity to try again this year. Andi indicated she has resubmitted the grant request for this coming year.

Joan indicated that there is a pre-legislative meeting set for community agencies to attend and make a presentation of their recommendations for the next State legislative session. The meeting will be held at PHSC on 10/27/19. The presentation must first be sent to Amber Mariano's office by 10/4/19. The LAB agreed that support for our library's construction grant would be requested by Joan at the pre-legislative meeting. Joan also reminded the LAB that the NPR City Council will have a meeting tomorrow to plan what they will recommend for legislative consideration. IT was recommended that Andi suggest the library construction grant application be included in the City's legislative items.

The City Council's final budget meeting was discussed and will be tomorrow evening. The LAB expressed gratitude for the two million library renovation funds that are included in the proposed budget and hope the council members will make a final vote to accept it in their budget.

Library Director Report:

- Andi distributed the recent LAB member photo and noted it was correctly relabeled.
- "Art on the Move" is being unveiled this Thursday. Invitations have been sent out to the State of Florida Librarian and related individuals, the Tampa Bay Library Consortium and our city leaders among others to come to the reception and view the fine art. Andi noted that the NPR Public Library may be the only library in FL. which lends fine art. Marci offered to take photos at the event.
- Andi indicated the Pasco Pride had many protesters at last Saturday's Storytime. As a result, staff have received unkind reviews and nasty comments. However there also were some very positive reviews. Andi indicated the NPR police were present and a very good support. Since children were involved at the Storytime, Jayne questioned the legality of the videos people were taking. Joan indicated parents would need to complain for there to be an issue and Andi said it would be very difficult for staff to deter so many people from taking photos. Dianne suggested the organization could rename

their event to “Children’s Story Hour presented by Pasco Pride,” About 35-40 participants were at the recent Storytime.

- Andi provided the LAB with the Annual Plan of Service for 10/1/18 – 9/30/19. The plan was updated to provide a summary of the library’s goals and progress. Andi indicates she feels very pleased and proud of the library’s progress this past year.
- Andi announced that The Halloween Trick and Treat at the library will be on October 31st at 11:30 a.m. The library will also host a table downtown for the City’s trick or treat event. She encouraged the Friends of the NPR Library to also participate in the Library’s trick-or-treat storytime.

Old Business:

- Centennial Celebration: Joan commented on the centennial parade. The posters for the golf carts are completed thanks to Heather’s work. The LAB was invited to preview them after today’s meeting.
- The Internet Acceptable Use Policy was again distributed by Andi and had been shortened. She explained the inclusion that “the library cannot act in place of a parent”. This statement relates to the differences between a school media specialist and a public librarian. A motion to accept the policy was made by Mark with a second by Bonnie. All members approved and motion passed.

New Business:

- Andi distributed the Children’s Safety Policy. This was developed in response to children being left at the library unsupervised or at the time of closing. Dianne suggested the sentence re: responsible caregivers are to pick up the child, be omitted. She noted there was no way to know or enforce who these caregivers are and parents need to be responsible for who picks up the child. Peter asked how the public will know about the policy? Andi indicated it will be posted in the library and on the website. Marci stated that she sees the last line (...police will be called to take responsibility.) as very important when children are left at the library at closing time. The LAB approved the policy as amended. Motion had been made by Mark and seconded by Marci.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Bonnie to adjourn at 10:45 am and seconded by Marci. It met with unanimous agreement.

The next meeting is October 28, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie M. Martin

Bonnie M. Martin, Secretary