

## **Library Advisory Board Minutes**

**Meeting date:** 2/24/2020

**Members in Attendance:** Peter Segall, Jayne Brewin, Bonnie Martin, Joan Hook, Marci Mihall, Mark Vandebroek, Dianne Ayers, Andrea Figart

**Guests:** Ron Becker (Nominee for Board Member), Debbie Manns (City Manager), John Hardy, Debby - representing anti-Drag Queen Story Hour group

Meeting was opened at 9:30 by Joan Hook, Chairwoman.

Joan informed guests, John Hardy and Debby (?) that they would have a chance to address the LAB at the end of the meeting. They sat respectfully through the meeting.

Joan announced additions to the agenda.

**Minutes:** The January 2020 minutes were reviewed. Mark motioned that we accept the minutes and Marci seconded the motion. Acceptance was unanimous.

### **Unfinished Business:**

- Library fines were discussed in response to Pasco County Library removing their fines. Board Nominee Ronald Becker discussed how fines were handled while he was at Rutgers University. Member Marci Mihall asked if it would be inclusive for all ages. Library Director Andrea Figart will give a report next month regarding fines and age groups.
- Room deposits were discussed. The 2019-2020 Fiscal Year does not have room deposits listed on the current fee schedule and can be an option for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year. Room rent was also discussed.
- The StoryWalk memorial for Vivienne Macdonald was discussed, it will be the introductory post.
- Member Dianne Ayers asked how effective the educator's program has been. Library Director Andrea Figart will update the LAB at the March meeting and it will be determined the program should continue.
- Member Joan Hook asked if there are plans to participate in both the Chasco Boat and Street Parades and if the LAB Fee is covered with the Library's entry. City Manager Manns stated she will check and let them know. There will be an upcoming meeting to review rules for golf carts.

**Library Director's Report:**

- StoryWalk installation and ribbon cutting is scheduled for March 7th at Grey Preserve, 10:00 a.m.
- The HVAC system is currently being replaced.
- The library was awarded an Operations Grant by the State Library Assoc. which helps with procurement of events and equipment.
- The "Show Some Love" program has been a success with some library cards being re-instated.
- The Local Author's Fair co-sponsored by the Library and Writer's Club was a success with 26 local authors and Mayor Marlowe in attendance.
- The Library's Annual Plan of Service was reviewed. Chairwoman Hook asked about the Library Expansion Project. City Manager Manns stated that in March the City Council will be asked to approve the construction documents as well as a USDA Rural Preservation Grant that is a grant of 25% and 75% in the form of a low interest loan.
- Member Ron Becker commented that the City Directory could be digitized. The digitization process was explained.

**New Business:**

- Several board members attended the City of New Port Richey's Branding and Marketing Initiative Focus Group.
- Condition of the library water fountains was discussed and it was confirmed new fountains are included in the upcoming renovations.
- Library Director Andrea Figart will confirm the correct listing of LAB members and their board positions.
- LAB Members will take a new photo at the April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting after confirmation of Ron Becker.
- The visitors spoke about their concerns for the Drag Queen Story Hour.

**Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 10:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie M. Martin

Bonnie M. Martin, Secretary