

Library Advisory Board August 24, 2020

In Attendance: Andrea Figart, Joan Hook, Peter Segall, Marci Mihall, Jayne Brewin, Bonnie Martin, Ron Becker

Call to Order: 9:26 a.m. by Chairwoman Joan Hook

Minutes: The July minutes were reviewed. Marci Mihall motioned to accept the minutes. The vote was unanimous.

Public Comment: None

Library Director's Report:

1. The **StoryWalk** has a new book and laminated pages to protect it from the humidity. There have been some media outlets that have shown interest in the StoryWalk. Andi provided a copy of an article and related photographs which was included in a recent publication of *Quality Cities Magazine*."
2. **Displays**-The Library's **second floor has reopened**. To present the theme of voting rights, the Children's Librarian (Jessica Meredith) developed a Shark Week display, related activities and website program. Membership staff, Kristi and Rowan, created a Suffragist Centennial Display with adult materials. As requested, photos of the program were sent to the State Librarian.
3. The **summer reading program** finished and had good participation. This year the number of patrons using the digital format increased.
4. Andi Figart, Director, read two positive notes sent in by Library patrons.
5. The **centennial book banners** have been scheduled for display in City Hall during January of 2021.
6. The **Library Budget** was well received during the General Funds review.
7. The **Library elevator** repairs were completed and it is functioning well. The repair funding came from this year's Public Works maintenance budget.
8. Andi was asked to submit an application for a Farmers Market Representative for Board of Directors for the **Pasco County Food Advisory Council**. She agreed.
9. The Library will be a partner for **Voter Registration Day**, Sept 22.

Continued Business:

1. **Renovation:** There is no news from the contractors. Library staff are working on the information requested by the architects.
2. **Time Capsule:** The architects indicate this is no problem with the installation of a capsule during construction. They have some experience with this and are checking on the best location for it.
3. No **State Library Construction Grants** were awarded this year. Andi will apply again next year.

New Business:

1. Joan Hook has resigned from the **Pasco County Cooperative Library Board** where she had represented the City of New Port Richey. A new representative is needed. Bonnie Martin and Ron Becker both showed interest in this position. After discussion, Bonnie deferred to Ron believing that his strong background as a librarian would better suit the position. The LAB voted unanimously to recommend Ron Becker to the NPR City Council as the new representative.
2. Two more **city representatives** are needed on the LAB. Members were encouraged to recruit. A new photo will be taken at a later date.
3. Some ideas for inclusion in the **time capsule** were presented:
 1. One of the street light flags stating 100 yrs.
 2. Picture of the LAB wearing our masks
 3. A Main Street map of our current City layout and businesses
 4. A Covid19 mask
 5. A program from the Library's centennial celebration: Black and White Gala
 6. More to come...
4. Joan recommended the **meeting minutes** be included by email with the next meeting agenda. This gives members more time to review them.
5. Due to a religious holiday, Ron recommended we change the date of the next meeting. All agreed. **The LAB will meet on 9/21/20, the 3rd week of next month.**

Adjourn: By unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie M. Martin
Bonnie M. Martin, Secretary