

Library Advisory Board Meeting November 23, 2020

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

I. Call to Order: 9:40 a.m. by Chairwoman Joan Hook

II. Minutes: The October minutes were reviewed. They were approved unanimously.

III. Public Comment: None

IV. New Business:

1. Bonnie shared FOL information about its *proposed* plans to purchase **book benches** for the outdoor library area. The City Manager and Asst. City Manager are agreeable to the project and indicated the Public Works Dept. could assist. The LAB also voiced their support.
2. Joan noted that the City Council **approved the bond** for the library's renovations.
3. **Librarian report:**
 1. Due to Covid increases, no holiday gathering will be held for library staff. Alternatives will be discussed with the FOL who funds the annual staff celebration.
 2. The LAB is encouraged to continue advocacy with the newly elected officials and to build relationships with them in support of Florida libraries.
 3. Expectations of the State's contribution to the library operating funds will be 5 million less than last year. The possibility exists for an additional funding reduction of 8.5%. Our library has been saving money to help with unbudgeted renovation items.
 4. Our library has been awarded a \$1,000 Fl. Humanities Grant to host approved literary presentations.
 5. A virtual author presentation is planned for early spring and will be offered to local book clubs.
 6. Rhymes to Readers Storytimes in the Council Chambers have been very successful and included new attendees.
 7. Tasty Tuesdays is going very well with more vendors (approx. 20) and no limit on SNAP purchases. Second Helping Saturdays has had great feedback about the live music that adds to the ambiance.
 8. Andi is now a farmer's market representative on the Pasco County Food Policy and Advisory Council which promotes healthy food and sustainability.
 9. Ron Becker's appointment to the Pasco County Cooperative was approved by the Pasco County Commissioners.

10. The Animal Policy and the Borrowing Policy were reviewed and unanimously approved (with changes) by the LAB. The Animal Policy relates to services for Persons with Disabilities and compliance with ADA. The Borrowing Policy reflected the new fee schedule and the LAB recommended highlighting the differences between specialized services and general services within the body of the policy.
11. The photos of two of our library staff persons were featured on the recent Virtual Conference.
12. The federal funds received for State of Fl. Libraries was \$21.8 million this year and will be reduced to \$17.6 million for 2021.
13. The elevator had a mechanical failure which required readjustments to work properly. After the adjustments were made, the elevator is actually running smoother and faster than it had prior to the repairs.
14. Hennessy, the construction management company that will be working on the Library Renovation Project is fine tuning costs and types of items needed before renovation begins.

V. New Business: There will not be an LAB meeting in December.

VI. Next Meeting: January 25, 2021

VII. Adjourn: By unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie M. Martin

Bonnie M. Martin, Secretary