

Library Advisory Board Meeting

January 24, 2022

In Attendance: Joan Hook, Jayne Brewin, Bonnie Martin, Peter Segall, Marci Mihall, Mark Vandebroek, Ron Becker, and Andi Figart. Guest: Nancy Cote, prospective LAB member

I. Call to Order: 9:30 a.m. by Chairwoman Joan Hook. Quorum was met.

II. Minutes: The September meeting minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved. A quorum was not met at the October meeting.

III. Public Comment: Nancy Cote shared her background and desire to join the LAB. The LAB recommends her to the City Council.

IV. Officer/Committee Report:

A. Pasco County Library Advisory Board & Library Cooperative Board (Ron Becker) -

- Attending Library Legislative Day in-person was canceled in favor of virtual meetings with lawmakers. 2/16/2022 is the formal dedication of the Starkey Library. There is only a quorum if members attend in person. Pasco Co. received library grants for broadband and technology.

B. The Friends of the New Port Richey Library (Bonnie Martin) -

- A review of the library projects funded by FOL in the past four years, totaling approximately \$11,000.

C. Library Director's Update (Andi Figart) -

- The Online High School diploma program was again funded by the State. Although there have been many inquiries, there are still 10 scholarships available until the end of March.
- The Halloween parade was successful.
- The City's Holiday Parade was enjoyed by all, and the library float was beautiful.
- The Library has school tours beginning today. Also English for Families will begin in the late spring.
- Groups in Citrus County are protesting against certain written or featured library materials (i.e. human sexuality, censored books, etc.) Protests may spread to other neighboring counties and cities. The LAB will review and discuss our library's Request for Reconsideration Policy at next month's LAB meeting.
- The book bench covers are being reviewed.
- Tasty Tuesdays will stay open until 1:00. A postcard is available at other local organizations and profits that is good for an extra \$5.00 in SNAP benefits. Attendance at Tasty Tuesdays has increased to over 200 attendees.

V. Continuing Business:

A. Library Renovations Update:

Both floors are open as of today. Doors, furnishings and more are delayed. A "Sneak Peak" by invitation only reception will be held the 27th from 5:30 to 6:30 at the library. There will be a grand opening and dedication of the Library when furniture arrives and the final projects are completed, hopefully in April.

B. Tiny Libraries: Members of the LAB and of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board have spoken about collaborating to recommend placement of tiny libraries in city parks. A volunteer has agreed to build the first little library for Jasmin Park and the local residents will maintain it.

C. Time Capsule: The time capsule will be placed on a bench on the first floor of the library.

VI. New Business: none

VII. Next Meeting: February 28, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. in the library.

VIII. Adjourn: By unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie M. Martin

Bonnie M. Martin, Secretary