

Library Advisory Board Meeting

February 28, 2022

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

I. Call to Order: 9:38 a.m. by Chairwoman Joan Hook. Quorum was met.

II. Minutes: The minutes were unanimously accepted with the correction which indicates Ron Becker was in attendance at the January 24, 2022 LAB meeting.

III. Public Comment: none

IV. Officer/Committee Report:

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

- The Cooperative Board will meet at the Starkey Ranch Library on March 8th. There is only a quorum if members attend in person. Ron attended the formal dedication of the Starkey Ranch Library and new K-8 Public School. The Friends of the Starkey Ranch Library published a cookbook and Ron presented a copy for our library.

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

- The FOL has new promotional tote bags and Bonnie offered one to the LAB members.

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

- This year's summer reading challenge theme is: Creating Kindness.
- There are two superior applicants for the Resource Mngmnt Cataloging Librarian position.
- Andi presented a Senior Resources brochure that was developed by library staff person, Rowan.
- Renovation update: The electric, technology and equipment are still being installed and we are still waiting for the arrival of new library furnishings.
- National Library Week is in April. Andi will ask the City Manager to arrange the reading of a resolution at an April City Council Meeting.

V. Continuing Business:

A. Library Renovations Update: Update offered by Director

B. Tiny Libraries: Joan wrote a letter to the City Council requesting \$50 for a plaque and their support of the LAB efforts in providing tiny libraries. The first tiny library in Jasmin Park is doing well and local residents are maintaining it. Andi will meet with the City Manager to discuss our recommendations. The Friends of the Library may agree to assist with monitoring the tiny libraries.

VI. New Business:

A. Nancy Cote's acceptance as an LAB member may occur at the 3/15/22 or 4/5/22 City Council Meeting.

B. Mark shared a Suncoast News article re: banning of books. The Request for Reconsideration of Library Resources form was reviewed and a suggestion made to add a line for an email address. There have only been two complaints about a book

in the past 10 years and neither person followed through with filling out the form. The LAB will review the Collection Development Policy and discuss it next month. A consensus of LAB members agreed that parents, not the library, are to decide what their children read (as stated in the Collection Development Policy).

C. A new LAB member demographic listing is needed.

VII. Next Meeting: March 28, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. in the library's Magnolia Room.

VIII. Adjourn: By unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie M. Martin

Bonnie M. Martin, Secretary