

Library Advisory Board Meeting

May 23, 2022

In Attendance: Peter Segall, Joan Hook, Nancy Cote, Bonnie Martin, Mark Vandebroek, Ron Becker, and Andi Figart.

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

II. Minutes: The April minutes were unanimously accepted.

III. Public Comment: none

IV. Officer/Committee Report:

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

- The Cooperative discussed how libraries have changed in the past 25 yrs. and the influence of available technology.
- Two Pasco Libraries were rededicated.
- The importance of considering libraries in county growth was emphasized.
- An article about Banned Books was in the Tampa Times today.

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

- Three Buddy Benches will be funded to highlight our Library's summer theme of kindness.
- The FOL donated prize gift baskets for the Summer Library Reading Challenge winners.
- A February event is being planned to coincide with Library Lovers Day in 2023.
- The FOL will help at the Kids to Parks event and promote our Library.

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

- The book benches will be installed soon. Andi is working with the bench wrap company on the last book cover.
- Permission for two Little Free Libraries will be sought from the City Manager. The kits will be purchased by the FOL.
- Staff is being trained on a new platform for the Library Calendar. It will be able to accept funds for room reservations.
- A Library intercom system is being developed.
- There are still many openings for the High School classes at the Library. The FOL will help distribute flyers throughout the City.
- Staffing needs were discussed. Related to this the LAB members recommended advocating for an increase in the staff payscale to assist with retention.
- The Library's Rededication Ceremony will be held 6/24/2023 at 9:30 and include observation of the time capsule.

V. Continuing Business:

A. Library Renovations Update:

Corrections to signage are scheduled and the renovations are close to being complete.

B. Tiny Libraries: (as above)

C. Strategic Plan:

- Lib IQ is the preference for consulting services.
- A proposal is in negotiation and will be presented at the 6/7/2023 City Council meeting.
- TBLC will assist with 5K of the consulting cost (18K total).

VI. New Business:

- A. Library Emergency Plan - The plan was reviewed and approved unanimously.
- B. Revised Meeting Room Policy - The LAB reviewed and unanimously approved a change in room reservation to 2 months prior to usage vs. the existing 3 months requirement.

VII. Next Meeting: June 27, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. in the Library's Magnolia Room.

VIII. Adjourn: By unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie M. Martin

Bonnie M. Martin, Secretary