

# Library Advisory Board Meeting

## June 27, 2022

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

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

### **Announcements:**

- Bonnie Martin announced her resignation as Secretary beginning at the end of this meeting. Nancy Cote agreed to take over in August.
- Joan Hook is also resigning her post as Chairperson after the August 25, 2022 meeting. Ron Becker agreed to take the Chair position.
- Both Bonnie and Joan plan to continue as LAB members for the duration of their terms.
- Mark Vandebroek will finish his term which ends in August of this year. Since he is semi-retiring, he does not want to be reinstated at his term's end.

**II. Minutes:** The May minutes were unanimously accepted with an amended date of the "next meeting".

**III. Public Comment:** none

### **IV. Officer/Committee Report:**

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

- The Cooperative is concerned about our State's cottage industry laws and how it affects participation at activities such as Tasty Tuesday.
- A County representative attended the Rededication Ceremony and was very impressed with our Library and its supporters.

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

- Two of the three Buddy Benches highlighting our Library's "Summer of Kindness" theme have been installed - one in James E. Grey Preserve and one in Frances Ave. Park. The third will be placed in the Meadows Park once park renovations allow for the installation.
- A February event is being planned to coincide with Library Lovers Day in 2023. The event will occur on 2/9/2023 at the Spartan Manor.

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

- The Library Rededication Ceremony was well-attended and a great success.
- Two retirees with construction-related careers have offered their services to build the Little Free Libraries. A design for the James E. Grey Preserve little library was submitted by one of the builders and was approved by the City Manager. The Friends of the Library will cover the cost of construction.
- Two new part-time staff members were hired. Nancy Cote assisted with recruiting new staff. Three staff members have left for full-time positions. **To facilitate staff retention, the LAB recommends that our Library and City look at changing two part-time positions to a full-time one.**
- Costs for supplies and programs have greatly increased. The example was given that the online magazine program typically cost about \$2000 annually, yet the bill this year is \$25,000. The TBLC will absorb the difference for us this year and advocate for all area libraries pertaining to vendor contracts.
- Our Library is being fully recommended for the LSTA grant request Andi submitted for AV equipment.
- The contract for the strategic plan consulting group was approved by the City

Council and the process will take place over the summer. The LAB members are encouraged to attend the meetings and focus groups.

- The Library renovations are mainly complete.

**V. Continuing Business:** as above

**VI. New Business:**

Digital books have a 14 day check-out term and then the books disappear from the patron's computer. **The LAB recommended the Library add more information for borrowers so the due date "black out" is not such a surprise.**

**VII. Next Meeting:** July 25, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. in the Library's Avery Room.

**VIII. Adjourn:** By unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bonnie M. Martin*

Bonnie M. Martin, Secretary