

Library Advisory Board Meeting

July 25, 2022

In Attendance: Joan Hook, Marci Mihall, Bonnie Martin, Mark Vandebroek, Ron Becker (via telecommunication), Jayne Brewin and Andi Figart.

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

II. Minutes: The June minutes were unanimously accepted.

III. Public Comment: none

IV. Officer/Committee Report:

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

1. A new contact was received re: building a Little Free Library. The information was forwarded to Andi.
2. A new FOL volunteer has expressed interest in the LAB. Bonnie will meet with her next week and encourage her to apply.

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

1. Budget workshops are in progress. There has been no communication from the State of FL. re: total budgeted income the City will receive.
2. The Library is looking for staff retention help within the budget. This year's budget includes a request for a full-time staff person vs. 2 part-timers.
3. Meeting rooms are now open for reservations. Hours are limited due to staffing shortage.
4. The LTSA Grant Award Committee has recommended the Library receive full grant funding for their "From Room to Zoom" Grant application. However, the State Librarian, Amy Johnson, reports waiting on the Governor's final funding approval.
5. The children's programs have been very busy this summer.
6. The Book Benches have been damaged by skateboarders. The Library is not looking to repair them at this time. The FOL may help financially when repairs are needed.

V. Continuing Business:

A. Library Renovations Update -

1. All the new doors have been installed.
2. The room access system is in place but waiting for staff badges before activation.

B. Little Free Libraries -

Another Little Free Library was built but needs some accommodations made to the roof. The LAB members viewed a photo of this model.

C. Strategic Planning -

1. The public survey has been disseminated and 216 patrons responded last week. The consultant is hoping for a total of 400 respondents.
2. Focus groups are scheduled for 8/9 and 8/10/22.

VI. New Business:

- A. Today was Mark's last LAB meeting. Everyone thanked him for his service and wished him well. We now need two new City residents to fill the openings.
- B. The Library's homebound program was discussed.
- C. A new LAB member roster was updated.

VII. Next Meeting: August 29, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. in the Library's Avery Room.

VIII. Adjourn: By unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie M. Martin

Bonnie M. Martin, Secretary