

PASCO COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM  
LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES  
February 9, 2010  
Land O' Lakes Library

PRESENT:

Marilynn deChant, *City of New Port Richey*  
Gail Stout, *City of Dade City*  
Barbara Eger, *District 1*  
JoAnne Moses, *District 2*  
Betty Holland, *District 3*  
Linda Allen, *Libraries Director*  
Denise H. Vanacore, *Recording Secretary*

EXCUSED ABSENCE:

June Jeffries, *District 4*  
Judy Vincent, *District 5*  
Anna Crociata, *City of Zephyrhills*  
Betty Richey, *At Large*

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by Chair Marilynn deChant.

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the November 30, 2009 meeting were discussed. A correction to Page One (Unfinished Business) ..... *the Library System has received a ~~requisition~~ request from the Tampa Bay Library Consortium.* Gail Stout inquired as to the status of the student who was working on a PC in the library for Pasco E-School without any parental supervision. Linda Allen advised that staff has spoken with the child's parent, and the issue has been amicably resolved. The Minutes of the November 30, 2009 meeting were accepted for filing with a **motion** by Gail Stout and **seconded** by Betty Holland.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Marilynn deChant joined with the Library Board members in congratulating the Pasco County Library System on winning the national John Cotton Dana Award. Linda Allen noted that the Board of County Commissioners will be presenting a Resolution congratulating the Library System at an upcoming commission meeting. Marilynn deChant expressed an interest in attending and invited other Board members to attend as able.

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

*See Unfinished and New Business*

Linda Allen noted that the Friends of the Library held their annual meeting on January 27, 2010 and unanimously approved making individual group donations to purchase one or more databases which are projected to be cut from next year's budget. Marilyn deChant noted how valuable and important Friends of the Library organizations are to the library. Linda Allen also noted that a member of the Friends of the Library is working with a new volunteer to begin designing and sending out a monthly Friends' newsletter.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*Library Budget*

Linda Allen indicated that the Library System is having a difficult time filling the much-needed position of branch manager. She announced that the County has authorized a position freeze; however, special requests may be made to the County Administrator for permission to fill necessary positions. She is awaiting approval. Linda Allen discussed the new budgeting process for this fiscal year which includes program-based budgeting which would rank programs against the County's goals and objectives. Then these programs would be point ranked from greatest to least and divided in quarters. The bottom quarter programs may not be funded.

Linda Allen discussed the possibility of fee based services. Barbara Eger objected, noting that so many people have a desperate need for public services like libraries and parks, and wouldn't be able to use these services if fees were associated with them.

Gail Stout asked what portion of their tax dollars goes to support libraries now. Linda Allen responded less than \$13.00 per person. She is awaiting the current return on investment figures from the State Library which is probably closer to \$8.00 per person.

#### *Pasco County Legislative Delegation*

Linda Allen praised JoAnne Moses for her work in preparing for the Pasco County Legislative Delegation at Wiregrass High School on January 26. JoAnne Moses signed up to speak; however, she was never called to speak. JoAnne Moses read excerpts from her presentation to the Library Advisory Board. The Board thanked JoAnne Moses for her efforts. JoAnne Moses indicated that she left a packet of information with each member of the Delegation. Linda Allen also thanked Barbara Eger and Kevin Griffith for attending.

#### *E-Gov Services & Grants*

Linda Allen announced that the Library System has been asked to apply for an unprecedented fourth year of funding for E-Government services. In addition, Linda Allen noted that the State Library has asked for the Library System to provide guidance on how to serve tweens in the library.

Linda Allen briefly discussed a Strategic Master Plan for the Trilby-Lacoochee area, which was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on November 19, 2008. Barbara Eger wrote a letter of support for this Plan to the Honorable Ginny Brown-Waite.

#### *Additional Early Voting Sites – Land O' Lakes Library*

Linda Allen advised that the Board of County Commissioners has granted approval for the Supervisor of Elections Office to use the Land O' Lakes Library meeting room for early voting (August and November). Linda Allen noted that the Supervisor of Elections Office will have limited access to the library (meeting room and rest rooms). No library staff will be on site.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### *Slate of Officers – 2010 & Service Terms on Library Advisory Board*

With a **motion** by Barbara Eger and **seconded** by JoAnne Moses, Marilyn deChant was unanimously elected to serve another term as Chair; Judy Vincent was unanimously elected to serve another term as Vice Chair; and Gail Stout was unanimously elected to serve another term as Secretary.

#### *Revised Donation Policy*

Linda Allen discussed the addition to the current Donations Policy due to a request for donations to be returned to the donor if they were not used in the Library. Linda Allen explained that the Library System does not have the staff or the time to track a donation after it is accepted. The change simply states that the donation is accepted "without strings." All were in agreement that this clarification is acceptable.

#### *Resolutions*

Linda Allen announced that this morning she and several Friends of the Library accepted a Resolution proclaiming February as Library Lover's Month in Pasco County. She also announced that the Board of County Commissioners will be presenting a Resolution congratulating the Library System and staff for winning the national John Cotton Dana award for public relations associated with the Battle of the Bands event. Linda Allen extended an invitation to Board members to attend. Marilyn deChant noted that she would like to attend.

*Battle of the Bands*

Linda Allen announced the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Battle of the Bands event will be held on Friday, March 26, 2010 at Crews Lake Park.

*Pasco County's Vision, Mission and Values Statement*

Linda Allen presented the County's Vision, Mission and Values statement to the Board for their information.

*Miscellaneous*

Marilynn deChant complimented Library System staff for their neat and professional appearance. She asked if the County had a dress code. Linda Allen responded positively and added that library employees are also restricted to the types of shoes to be worn due to the frequent movement of heavy book carts, etc.

Marilynn deChant noted that the New Port Richey Public Library will be celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> year with several celebratory events.

**ADJOURN**

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 9, 2010, beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Land O' Lakes Library, 2818 Collier Parkway, Land O' Lakes.

Respectfully submitted,  
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