

PASCO COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES
February 20, 2008

Land O'Lakes Library

PRESENT:

Linda Allen, *Libraries Director*
Marilynn deChant, *City of New Port Richey, Chair*
Gail Stout, *City of Dade City*
Betty Holland, *District 3*
June Jeffries, *District 4*
Judy Vincent, *District 5*
Denise H. Vanacore, *Recording Secretary*

EXCUSED ABSENCE:

Barbara Eger, *District 1*
JoAnne Moses, *District 2*
Ernestine Whitfield, *City of Zephyrhills*

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chair Marilyn deChant.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the November 13, 2007 meeting were accepted for filing with a **motion** by June Jeffries and **seconded** by Judy Vincent.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Marilynn deChant applauded the Library System for the wonderful press coverage, from teen Japanese Culture programs to Baby signing classes for toddlers to partnership programs with organizations like SCORE. Marilyn discussed the article in the ST. PETERSBURG TIMES Floridian Section featuring Librarian Kevin Griffith.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A special program, *5 Minute Dating for Book Lovers*, was recently held at Land O'Lakes Library. Although the program did not draw a large crowd, many human interest stories evolved, including a woman from Puerto Rico, who attended because she doesn't know many people in the area and doesn't speak English fluently, who met a woman who was also from Puerto Rico, and who has several friends from Puerto Rico living in the Land O'Lakes area; or the recently-widowed woman, who had no outside contacts, and met a neighbor who lives on the same street. They became fast friends. These were examples of how the Library can be referred to as the "third place."

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Library Budget

Linda explained to the Board that the Libraries Department is a property tax funded county department; and, therefore, may be subject to budget cuts for the 2008/09 fiscal year (beginning October 1, 2008). This will mean difficult budgeting decisions regarding reductions in services, including freezing vacant positions and not filling positions that become vacant by attrition. Board members were concerned that cutting from "leisure services" would be a cut to the fundamental things that insure quality of life for residents in Pasco County.

Board members discussed the positive programming for teens and what would the teens do if the library cuts services or hours or closes. Some believe the teens would infest neighborhoods looking for things to do. Linda credited the Library System with turning around most of the at-risk teens that have begun to participate in programming, volunteer and accumulate community service hours.

Linda discussed this year's extremely popular Battle of the Bands or *Rock Us Maximus*. This event has been featured on the Library's webpage and MySpace page (with hits from Germany, Italy, Australia and Singapore)!

Linda announced that Friends of the Library sponsored an advanced preview of the Spiderwick Chronicles at the Hollywood 19 movie theater. The only other Library System in the state to receive this type of promotion was in Miami. It actually turned out that Pasco County had the same amount of teens and young adults attending the preview as the Library System in Miami!

LAB Code

The request to amend the Library Advisory Board Code has been withdrawn for review by Libraries, but will be sent back to the Board next month. Betty inquired about the term expirations of members. Linda will review Code to insure that correct wording is included as discussed.

Hudson & Hugh Embry Libraries Interior Refurbishment Projects

The Hudson Library will be closed from March 17 through April 12 for maintenance projects to include the replacement of carpeting (20+ years old) and painting. The Hugh Embry Library will be closed from April 7 through May 3 for maintenance projects to include the replacement of carpeting and flooring and painting. Linda explained the time involved in the process of shifting the shelving, etc.

During these time periods, Regency Park Library and New River Library will have extended hours of service.

Miscellaneous

Gail Stout noted that she had met up with Commissioner Jack Mariano at a recent community night for the school board. She and Commissioner Mariano wound up discussing the book, LAND OF SUNSHINE STATE OF DREAMS. They had some time to discuss how much more a library is than a place for books, i.e., programs, activities, early voting, etc.

NEW BUSINESS

2008 Meeting Dates

Approved as submitted.

Board Nominations – 2008

Nominations: Marilyn deChant, Chair
Judy Vincent, Vice Chair
Gail Stout, Secretary

These nominations were unanimously approved with a **motion** by June Jeffries and **seconded** by Betty Holland.

Nintendo Wii Donations

Linda explained that GolinHarris for Nintendo of America heard about what innovative and educational programming the Library System in Pasco County was presenting, that they recently donated three Wii gaming systems. The Pasco County Library System was one of ten in the country to receive this type of donation. GolinHarris, the public relations firm has committed to sending new educational gaming software to the Library System as it is released.

Other

Linda announced the upcoming Friends of the Library Luncheon on March 19, 2008 beginning at 12 noon at the Tampa Bay Golf and Country Club at State Road 52 & I 75. Guest speaker will be Betty Jean Steinshouer presenting Marjory Stoneman Douglas.

The Friends of the Library Luncheon held on February 15, 2008 at the Spartan Manor was very successful with approximately 70 in attendance to enjoy a portrayal of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt.

ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. with a **motion** from June Jeffries and **seconded** by Gail Stout.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 19, 2008 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Land O'Lakes Library, 2818 Collier Parkway, Land O'Lakes.

Respectfully submitted,
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