

PASCO COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES
October 14, 2008
Land O'Lakes Library

PRESENT:

Marilynn deChant, *City of New Port Richey*
Gail Stout, *City of Dade City*
Barbara Eger, *District 1*
June Jeffries, *District 4*
Judy Vincent, *District 5*
Linda Allen, *Libraries Director*
Denise H. Vanacore, *Recording Secretary*

EXCUSED ABSENCE:

Ernestine Whitfield, *City of Zephyrhills*
Alison Moreno, *Wesley Chapel*
Betty Holland, *District 3*
JoAnne Moses, *District 2*

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Chair Marilyn deChant.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the September 9, 2008 meeting were accepted for filing with a **motion** to accept by Barbara Eger and **seconded** by Betty Holland.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Marilynn deChant attended the recent Staff Development Day held at the Hudson Library on October 13, and commented on the programming and staff participation in the day's events. She acknowledged Linda Allen's support and encouragement of her staff.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

See Unfinished and New Business

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Library Budget

The Budget was approved for FY08/09 as submitted. Mr. Gallagher lifted the freeze on positions and some library positions are now posted. Board members discussed possible budgetary scenarios for next fiscal year.

Linda Allen announced that, according to current use patterns, the Land O'Lakes Library is serving more patrons than Regency Park or Hudson, at this time. Additionally, Hugh Embry Library's use has doubled! This may be attributed to the loss of reciprocal borrowing privileges for Pasco residents who may have used Hillsborough County libraries. Linda Allen noted that the Library System had surpassed last year's circulation number – which reflects more visits to the library, more use of library materials and library computers.

Discussion ensued about the possibility of altering hours of service next year to better service the needs of patrons. Linda Allen also noted that the Library System is actively recruiting volunteers to shelve, as well as to "screen" donated DVDs before they are prepared for the collection. Both of these opportunities seem to be working well at this time.

Linda Allen reiterated that the Library has lost the very popular Interlibrary Loan service due to budget cuts.

Long Range Planning Committee

The Long Range Planning Committee met last month to review how the Library System was working toward the goals of the Long Range Plan, 2006-2010. Linda Allen indicated that the county cannot commit the time and effort to working on the next long-range plan at this time due to the uncertainty with the current economic situation. Members of the Library Advisory Board disagreed with this concept and believe that the Library should continue to plan (even through hard times). It is unclear what the next two years will bring. Once the situation is stable, long range planning will begin again.

Staff Development Day

Linda Allen reported on the day's events which began with a workshop on dealing with challenging people, including some role playing, followed by lunch. The afternoon workshop, Word of Mouth Marketing, was presented by the Tampa Bay Library Consortium. The day ended with a team building program and staff awards.

Resolution Presented 10/7/08

Marilynn deChant and Betty Holland, along with some Friends of the Library members, attended a recent Board meeting where a Resolution, proclaiming the week of 10/19 – 10/25 as National Friends of the Library Week in Pasco County, was presented by Ann Hildebrand.

There was also a discussion at the meeting about the formation of the Pasco Library Foundation. Linda Allen indicated that she and Friends of the Library President, Loraine Cors, will be making a formal presentation to the County Commission about the Foundation to the Board. Following that, Linda Allen is anticipating some local news coverage to spread the word.

Miscellaneous

Board members summarized that the citizens who voted yes to a Referendum to build parks and libraries in 1987 are the same citizens who voted yes to Amendment 1 to cut taxes; thereby affecting parks and libraries.

NEW BUSINESS

Circulation of Library Materials

Linda Allen advised the Board that there has been criticism of the 14 day circulation of library materials (with one renewal); however, during this "test" period, more books have been circulated to more people. Linda Allen announced that the Library's circulation figures topped 2 million! Board Members agreed with increasing the loan period to a 21 day circulation period (with one renewal).

Resignation – Leslie Jones, Collection Development Librarian

Leslie Jones has accepted a position with the Three River's Regional Library System in Georgia as Library Director.

Library Positions

Currently, the Library System is 17 positions. Currently interviewing for those positions for which the hiring freeze has been lifted.

Other

Linda Allen announced that Linda Rothstein, a Librarian I at Centennial Park, will be assigned to the South Holiday Library as the Acting Branch Manager.

Sandra Abini, the current Branch Manager at the South Holiday Library will be re-assigned to the Centennial Park Library.

Barbara Eger noted that she is very appreciative of all that Angelo Liranzo has done, and continues to do, at the Hugh Embry Library.

ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. with a **motion** from Judy Vincent and **seconded** by Gail Stout.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 4, 2008 beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Land O'Lakes Library, 2818 Collier Parkway, Land O'Lakes.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise H. Vanacore, Recording Secretary
denisev@pascolibraries.org