

Minutes of the Volusia County Library Advisory Board Meeting

March 18, 2011

Deltona Regional Library

Members:

Claudia Hutchins, At-Large
Jean Fletcher, District I
Neil Harrington, District II
Robert Clinton, District III
Chris Hartley, District IV
Sue Lombardi, District V
Rev. Donald Needham, At-Large

Staff:

Lucinda Colee, Library Services Director
Deborah Hawkins, Recorder
Anne Powers, Network Librarian
Jane Weimer, Port Orange Regional Librarian
Melissa Reynolds, New Smyrna Regional Librarian
Walter Jubinsky, Ormond Beach Regional Librarian
Suzan Howes, Deltona Regional Librarian
Kathleen Mann, Deland Regional Librarian
Brook White, City Island Regional Librarian

Sue Lombardi, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

All board members were present except Christopher Hartley and Robert Clinton.

Minutes from the Previous Meeting:

Neil Harrington, District II, made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Donald Needham, At-Large, seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved after a correction was made to page 2 paragraph 3. The second line will read "speak with the delegates in their local offices".

Director's Report

Process for Long-Range Plan Presentation

Lucinda Colee, Library Director presented a power point presentation. Please see attached.

Neil Harrington, District II, feels that the items in the presentation are not parameters, they are decisions.

Neil Harrington, District II, and Donald Needham, At-Large, questioned why spend \$20,000 on a consultant. Lucinda Colee, Director, explained that the PowerPoint is the parameters not the process that they are going to get input from patrons, staff, board members, volunteers and friends. Lucinda Colee explained that the consultant is just an outside prospective so it will not be staff driven. It is not unusual for libraries to utilize a consultant in the long-range planning process.

Neil Harrington, District II, and Donald Needham, At-Large feel like the Library Advisory Board is not needed. They were inquiring if it is the Council's intention to reappoint the board or get rid of it.

Sue Lombardi, Chair, believes the board feels that the board should have been involved before it went to council.

Donald Needham, At-Large asked when the process will start. Lucinda Colee, Director answered that the process will be moving forward about May 1st and will take approximately 5 months to complete.

Facebook

Volusia County Public Library is now on Facebook. We are the first division in the county to have a Facebook account. Ann Powers presented the new Facebook page to the Board. The page does not have friends, just fans. Contact Anne Powers if you want something posted on the page. Lucinda does not foresee using twitter in the near future. The page can be found at www.facebook.com/volusialibrary. Staff is hoping to engage the younger group who are already on Facebook and don't want to leave that site.

Donald Needham, At-Large asked what is the cost involved? Lucinda Colee, Director answered just Anne's time for both Facebook and the library website.

Donald Needham, At-Large asked is this available to teens in the branches. Lucinda Colee, Director answered yes.

Library of Congress Traveling exhibition

Daytona Beach Regional Library is hosting the exhibit in the parking lot on March 18 and 19. The exhibition is only doing four stops in Florida and we are privileged to be one of them.

Security Camera Update

Library Services is working with an engineer to set the parameters for the security cameras. The plan is to put in them inside and a few outside at the rest of the Regional Libraries, Debarry and Edgewater libraries.

Donald Needham, At-Large asked if the cameras have been useful. Multiple staff in the audience replied yes.

The cost for the start up is \$200,000. The money coming from leftover money that was not spent building the Deltona Regional library.

Lucinda Colee, Director is also looking into using some of the leftover money for security of high theft materials.

Old business

Neil Harrington, District II asked about Harper Collins books in the system. Lucinda Colee, Director, explained that staff is monitoring the situation and are now only purchasing best sellers.

Holly Hill Update

The City of Holly Hill has said they are hoping to have their facility ready to reopen in May.

CLAB Appointment Update

CLAB appointments are on the April 7, 2011 County Council agenda.

Snapshot Day Results

Lucinda Colee, Director, passed out the results. See attached. Staff was very pleased with results.

Meeting with Legislators

Lucinda Colee, Director, has not able to set any meetings until May. By then the session is over

New Business

The next meeting will be held on Friday, May 6, 2011 at the Port Orange Regional Library at 2 pm.

Public Participation

Christy Jefferson, member of the Deltona Friends Association, was asking if there was a way to make the information Lucinda Colee, Director sent out simpler so that it could be sent out to the many Deltona Friends. Lucinda Colee, Director will work on that.

Sue Lombardi, Chair, told everyone that the Volunteer Recognition for the Debary Library will be on March 23rd at the Debary Country Club. She also said that the Debary Library had a very large book sale. They had lots of help and it was very successful. They support from the association and staff was very helpful.

Lucinda Colee, Director, said that there were 75,000 volunteer hours this past year.

Christy Jefferson, member of the Deltona Friends Association, explained the Friend to Friend program that sends excess books to other organizations. They have sent over 3,000 books.

Sue Lombardi, Chair, explained that the Debary Association sends books and magazines to soldiers.

Board Discussion

Neil Harrington, District II, would like the following items added to the next agenda

Review board responsibilities

Better clarification of library meeting room rentals.

Mr. Harrington would like more Friends of the Library to attend Library Advisory Board meetings. He would like to hear from them.

Adjournment:

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:06pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Hawkins