

Minutes of the Volusia County Library Advisory Board Meeting

January 6, 2006

Port Orange Regional Library

1005 City Center Circle, Port Orange, FL

Members:

Eva Williams, Chair, At-Large
Claudia Hutchins, At-Large
Dr. Henry Martin, Dist. I
Neil Harrington, Dist. II
Dr. Adrienne Baytop, Dist. III
Chris Hartley, Dist IV
Sue Lombardi, Dist V

Staff:

Mike Knievel, Library Services Director
Jane Weimer, Regional Librarian

Chair, Eva Williams called the meeting to order at 2:05pm.

Eva Williams, Neil Harrington, Sue Lombardi, and Christopher Hartley, Dr. Henry Martin, Claudia Hutchins and Dr. Adrienne Baytop were present.

Port Orange Region:

Jane Weimer, Regional Librarian, reported on the upcoming programs and status of the Port Orange Region. She welcomed the Board to the Port Orange Regional Library.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

There was a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting by Dr. Henry Martin. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Financial Report:

Mike Knievel, Library Director, reported it was too early for a Financial Report. He did get a report from Karen Poulsen, Support Services Manager, and it states that the Library system is in good shape. Revenues are coming in at higher than estimated amounts—e.g., the cash registers are increasing the revenue by more than 10%. The cash registers have brought in an additional \$30,000. Mike will report more detail when the 1st quarter analysis comes out, which will be in time for the next meeting. Patrons also aren't returning as many items on Sunday so they are paying more fines.

Endowment Fund:

Mike Knievel, Library Director, passed out the Endowment Request. There was motion to accept the Endowment Request from the Library Director, forwarded from the Regional Librarians and Friends of the Library to transfer from the Special Library Fund to the Library Operating Fund and Friends, the accrued interest and specified principal in the amount of \$9711.58 by Neil Harrington. It was seconded by Christopher Hartley and carried unanimously.

Reports:

Legislative Action:

Eva Williams, Chair, reported that it's been pretty busy. There has been interesting correspondence from Charlie Parker who is keeping the Board informed and up to date. Charlie was encouraging the Board to meet with local politicians in an effort to increase State Aid. The library systems are down \$10,000,000 from what was given in the past. Mike Knievel, Library Director, set up appointments for the Library Board with the legislative delegates, Pat Patterson, Joyce Cusack, Senator Evelyn Lynn and Dorothy Hukill.

Mike Knievel, Library Director, reported that there is an active agenda item scheduled for Jan. 19, 2006. It is a request for a supplemental grant that will upgrade or replace existing computers that were purchased with the first Gates grant from 1999. The grant is for \$64,500.

Public Participation:

No comments

Board Discussion:

The Board discussed the distribution of the Endowment Fund. It can go to the Friends or the Association at the request of the staff or the Friends of the Library.

There was a discussion about having complaints from the comment cards about cell phone use and noise level in the libraries. Eva Williams, chair, suggested putting up signs throughout the building like Port Orange Library. They seem to help.

Eva attended the Port Orange City Library Board meeting where the Port Orange Library was acknowledged for offering wonderful facilities for the physically/mentally handicapped children. Eva Williams introduced Marge Wright, the Chairman of the Volusia Council of Friends. Their next meeting will be in February at the DeLand Regional Library. The date has not been set as of yet.

Eva Williams had an invitation from the Friends of the Port Orange Library for the Library Board to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Port Orange Anniversary on January 28th.

Eva Williams shared a letter from Charlie Parker, which advocated not using the libraries for voting purposes due to safety issues. Mike Knievel reported that libraries have a role to play in promoting vigorous democracy, which can include voting activity and voter registration. Mike reassured that there are legitimate concerns but staff does meet with Election Officials and recommend procedures, which may provide solutions to those problems.

Next Meeting/Future Agenda Items:

Next County Library Advisory Board meeting will be Friday, March 3, 2006 at 2:00 pm at the Deltona Regional Library.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Coppen