

Minutes of the Volusia County Library Advisory Board Meeting

March 3, 2006
Deltona Regional Library
2150 Eustace Ave., Deltona 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
Bill Bowden, Regional Librarian

Chair, Eva Williams called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.

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

Employee Recognition:

Mike Knievel, Library Director, recognized Bill Bowden for 25 years of service with the County.

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 by Claudia Hutchins and carried unanimously.

Financial Report:

Mike Knievel, Library Director, reported all revenues and expenditures are coming in on or better than target. Eva Williams, Chair, asked if the extra money was still being accredited to the cash registers. Mike reported that the extra money is mainly coming from property taxes. Mike distributed the latest copy of the Financial Report with the date of 2/28 and asked for the board to bring it to the next meeting.

Council Action Reports:

1/19 – Gates Grant Application approved. The check for \$64,500 should be received within the next 2 weeks.

2/2 – Standard and Poor’s renewal approved.

2/2 – Telecom Upgrade approved. The library system will convert from Bellsouth to Bright house.

2/23 – Marjorie Wright was recognized for her years of library service.

3/2 – Access Control approved. Port Orange Regional Library, Ormond Beach Regional Library, DeLand Regional Library, Edgewater Public Library and the Library Support Center will be done next. Deltona Regional Library, Volusia County Library Center, and New Smyrna Beach Regional Library are already done.

3/16 – The Council will be looking at:

- The Construction Manager General Contractor recommendation.
- ECHO Grant recommendation.
- CIT/HVAC change order.

Regional Library Report:

Bill Bowden, Regional Librarian, reported on the upcoming programs and status of the Deltona Region. He welcomed the Board to the Deltona Regional Library.

County Department/Division Report:

Mike Knievel, Library Director, reported that the Community Services Director, Reggie Williams, is leaving his position at the end of March. There will be a farewell celebration for Reggie on March 20th at 6:00pm at the Grand Bly House in DeLand. Mike also reported that he might be called upon to serve as acting Community Services Director. Mike reported that he received two emails from Charlie Parker with news about the State Aid increases. He is getting positive responses back from legislatures and committee chairs. Especially from the Transportation and Economic Development Appropriation Committee which has members, Tony Hill Sr., Joyce Cusack and Pat Patterson. This would be a good time to follow up with them.

Public Participation:

Lyonia Preserve Day will be held at the Deltona Regional Library on Saturday, March 14th from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

Board Discussion:

Eva Williams, Chair, asked about the time clocks for the library system.

Mike reported that in June the library system will discontinue the paperwork and payroll will be electronic.

Dr. Adriane Baytop asked if there was any problem with the Easter Holiday this year for staff like last year.

Mike reported everything was straightened out this year.

Eva mentioned that some of the libraries, City Island, New Smyrna Beach and Port Orange have had new audiovisual systems put in their auditoriums. Eva is extremely happy with the system that was put in Port Orange. The Friends paid for half of it and it is well worth it.

Claudia Hutchins reported that the Deltona Library Association just started their membership drive. Their first deposit was over \$5500. They are trying to beat last year, which was about \$9600.

Chris Hartley reported that the Friends of the Ormond Beach Regional Library are having discussions on how to spend their money.

Dr. Martin asked if there has been any inquiries or feedback about the Pierson or DeLeon Springs Libraries.

Mike didn't have anything to report but Claudia mentioned that she has seen DeLeon Springs bumper stickers.

Eva Williams announced that the new co-chairmen for the Council of Friends will be Dr. Henry Martin and Jim Wheeler.

Mike Knievel reported that the County Manager's office will be sending out an updated copy of the Advisory Handbook. A copy is also available online at the County Web-site Volusia.org.

Eva Williams asked if LSC would be available for a Council of Friends meeting on April 21.

Mike said he would check the calendar and let them know.

Sue Lombardi reported that DeBary Public Library had their Volunteer Recognition Dinner and it went very well. One of the board members of the DeBary Association hand-made a small gift patch for every volunteer.

Next Meeting/Future Agenda Items:

Next County Library Advisory Board meeting will be Friday, May 5, 2006 at 2:00 pm at the New Smyrna Beach Regional Library.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Coppen