

Minutes of the Volusia County Library Advisory Board Meeting

September 7, 2007

DeLand

Members:

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

Staff:

Lucinda Colee, Library Services Director
Kathleen Mann, DeLand Regional Librarian
Alice Haldeman, Collection Development Manager
Brook White, Asst Regional Library
Deborah Hawkins, Recorder
Denise Sprouse, Recorder-in-Training

Vice-Chair, Sue Lombardi called the meeting to order at 2:10pm.

Claudia Hutchins, Dr. Henry Martin, Neil Harrington, Donald Needham and Sue Lombardi were present. Dr. Adrienne Baytop and Chris Hartley were absent.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Sue Lombardi made a motion to approve the minutes of the May and June meetings. Donald Needham seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Election of Officers:

Discussion ensued concerning the reasons why the Board needs to elect a new chair. CLAB members were asked if they wanted to elect a new Chair today or proceed with electing officers for all positions for the coming year. The Board decided to proceed with the election of officers for the coming fiscal year.

Claudia Hutchins nominated Sue Lombardi for Chair. Donald Needham seconded the motion. Dr. Martin nominated Claudia Hutchins for Vice-Chair. Donald Needham seconded the motion. Donald Needham nominated Neil Harrington for Secretary. Dr. Martin seconded the motion. All the nominations for the elections of Officers were unanimously approved.

Budget & Financial Report:

The first Budget meeting on September 7, 2007 resulted in the preliminary adoption of recommended millage rates. There was a lot of public participation at the meeting. The next meeting is on September 20, 2007.

Lucinda went over the budget handouts. Donald Needham asked what the Wage Adjustment was before the 5% budget cut. Lucinda answered that 3% was average.

Lucinda announced Alice Haldeman's retirement and acknowledged that the County Council brought up Sue Habel's retirement. That is the 2 Librarian V positions that are being cut.

There is also the potential to lose \$118,000 in state aid with the \$5,000,000 that might be cut from the state budget.

Neil Harrington asked if there were any public budget meetings. Lucinda responded that there have been mini-budget workshops at most council meetings.

Reports:

The EBSCO subscription for over 2000 magazines was approved.

County Council approved a proclamation declaring September Library Card Sign-up Month. The DeLand Library Staff registered and renewed library cards in the County Administration Building rotunda.

County Council gave approval for the Library to negotiate a contract to upgrade the ILS system (GEAC). Looking into having telephone renewal and automatic notification for holds and overdue items.

Council approved \$228,000 for the redesign of the DLT/ELC project adding the 1,000-seat amphitheater. City of Deltona has agreed to donate \$2,000,000 and provide \$250,000 a year for maintenance and operating expenses. Veterans Admin will not part of the project. The library will use the much-needed space.

City Island's capital improvements are finished. The children's area has new carpet, paint and windows that meet current Hurricane Code.

Lucinda spoke about the Volusia/Flagler Early Learning Coalition donation of children's materials. This included new circulating kits and story time kits and finger puppets for all branches. Dr. Martin asked about the public appreciation of the items. Deltona, DeLand and Lake Helen responded that they were off the shelves quickly.

Public Participation:

Oak Hill is happy to be open. With a population of 1,200, they had over 560 signatures in 2 weeks on a Keep Oak Hill Open petition. Neil Harrington said to keep their mailing lists up-to-date for future reference.

Board Discussion:

The Board was informed of Dr. Baytop's fall. She is doing well in her recovery.

Next Meeting/Future Agenda Items:

The next meeting will be on November 2nd at the Port Orange Regional Library at 2 pm.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Sprouse