

Minutes of the Volusia County Library Advisory Board Meeting

June 27, 2008

DeLand Regional Library

Members:

Claudia Hutchins, At-Large
Dr. Henry Martin, District I
Neil Harrington, District II
Donald Needham, District III
Chris Hartley, District IV
Sue Lombardi, District V
Margaret Minter, At-Large

Staff:

Lucinda Colee, Library Services Director
Kathleen Mann, DeLand Regional Librarian
Denise Sprouse, Recorder
Bill Bowden, Deltona Regional Librarian
Walter Jubinsky, Ormond Beach Regional Librarian
Kristine Franklin, Ormond Beach Asst. Regional Librarian

Chair, Sue Lombardi called the meeting to order at 2:05pm.
Sue Lombardi, Neil Harrington, Margaret Minter, Chris Hartley, Claudia Hutchins and Dr. Henry Martin were present.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Chris Hartley made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 25th meeting. Dr. Martin seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Budget Update:

Deltona will be keeping their 4 staff positions. Library Services is participating in mini workshops for FY 2009-2010.

Deltona Construction Project Update:

Library Services is hoping to have building permit by the end of the day for the Deltona expansion project. The turtles have been moved. An issue notice will be sent when we do have a permit. We are almost finished moving all the Deltona items. Electricity is still needed at the DLT portables. The collection is on the shelves and the book drop is on site. Everything is ready to go as soon as Progress Energy hooks up the transformer.

The Bookmobile returned to DeLeon Springs on Tuesday from 1-4 and Saturday from 9-1. Larry Gilson is the driver/circulation staff. When Larry isn't driving the Bookmobile, he will be a Library Services Maintenance person.

The smaller branches are feeling the closing of the Deltona Regional Library. Computer usage is up 40% at DeBary, 31% at Lake Helen and 20% at Orange City. The DLT portables should help relieve the smaller branches.

Bill Bowden spoke of the staff members working with no A/C, unpacking and stocking shelves including Karen Poulsen and Lucinda Colee. Bill was very grateful for all the help.

Margaret Minter asked how the public response was. Lucinda responded only one lady has called to complain about having to drive elsewhere to return her items.

Presentation – Fines/Bills Collection:

[Lucinda, do you have the Unique PPP still? Or do you want me to scan the Unique copies I have into the computer from the CLAB meeting?]

Please see attachment.

The library system is looking into a material recovery service called Unique Management Services to recover overdue material and monies owed to the County.

We have over 20,000 accounts that owe \$1,702,903. Neil Harrington asked how many accounts we have. The last management team meeting discussed changing the 4 week overdue notice to an early time period. The future cataloging system will send automatic notifications.

Unique Management Services is a collection agency for libraries only. Neil Harrington is concerned because of the procedures used by many collection agencies. Lucinda has examples of Unique's letter and calls to patrons that were passed around. Unique will go as far back as 3 years with accounts that have debts.

Dr. Martin asked when it is going to County Council. No date yet replied Lucinda. Dr. Martin asked that the CLAB members be notified when it does go before County Council.

Kathleen Mann said the libraries had a good response to the "Food for Fines" in the past. Lucinda can't ask for Amnesty Week under the current budget constraints. Bill Bowden mentioned we are losing about one years worth of publications every three years.

Dr. Martin sees Unique as a positive for the County. Claudia agrees. Dr. Martin made a motion. Margaret seconded the motion. Sue asked again for the CLAB members to be advised when it goes before County Council.

Early Voting – Additional Site:

The Ormond Beach Regional Library will be an additional early voting site along with City Island and New Smyrna Beach Regional Libraries. Deltona Regional Library is excused this year with the expansion project. Instead it is at the Deltona City Hall. The Deltona Regional Library will be an early voting site next year when it is open. Elections does provide manpower for the early voting sites.

Chris asked what dates. Early voting at the libraries August 11th –23rd.

Lucinda thinks it is a good public service and gets the libraries new patrons from the early voters.

Public Participation/Board Discussion:

The Regional Librarian for DeLand, Kathleen Mann, welcomed everyone to the DeLand Regional Library. The DeLand Regional Library has also noticed an increase in patrons since the Deltona Regional Library has closed.

Sue asked if there was anyone else. Gerri Lombardi raises his hand. Everything is working out quite well at DeBary, except too many books! The DeBary Friends is having a large book sale on July 12.

Claudia Hutchins has a question from the Deltona board meeting: Christie saw something about liability insurance. Kathleen Mann responded that all the DeLand Friends are bonded.

Dr. Martin is part of the Safety Committee with the Click it or Ticket it program. Yard signs, banners and bumper stickers are available. Dr. Martin left some of each at the Library Support Center to be distributed to the libraries.

Claudia also announced that she would not be able to attend the groundbreaking ceremony at the Deltona expansion project.

Next Meeting/Future Agenda Items:

The next meeting will be on Friday, September 12th at the Ormond Beach Regional Library at 2 pm on the new catalog online system, V-Smart.

Adjournment:

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Sprouse