

Library Advisory Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday, January 12, 2015

Chairman, Dr. Rudy Widman, called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM in the Fort Pierce Branch Library Meeting Room.

Members in attendance: Rudy Widman, new Board member, Maureen Melvin, Eloise Cumings, Jewel Player, and Eukeba Jones. Also in attendance: Susan Jacob, Library Manager & Nancy Woodfin, Senior Staff Assistant. Absent were Ethel Rowland, Carnelle Clifton and Marjorie Harrell.

The minutes from the last Board Meeting dated 10/20/2014 were distributed. A motion was made (Eloise Cumings) and seconded (Eukeba Jones) to accept the minutes as distributed. Motion passed.

Old Business:

- New board member Maureen Melvin was introduced. Ms. Melvin gave a brief synopsis of her professional experience which included supervisor at Port St. Lucie Branch from 2002 to 2009, member of the board at Heathcote Botanical Garden and past employment as a school media specialist.
- Library Manager gave an update on Rosser Blvd. Branch. She said that it was not feasible for the Advisory Board to meet there at this point as it is a construction zone. The process moves forward, however, the projected April 2016 opening may have to be pushed back due to costs arising from unforeseen projects like the need for a new roof as a result of relocating the air conditioning system. LM said that the new County Administrator has toured the Rosser Blvd. location. She also reported that negotiations are still in progress with the Law Library. Should they decide not to come in, the space will be used as a classroom or public space. Additionally we are still on the short list for the \$500,000 Library Construction Grant which will be awarded in July 2015.
- Report of the Bylaw Committee established that the bylaws are in good shape with no need for changes.

New Business:

- Election of Officers was held. A motion was made (Eloise Cummings) and seconded (Jewel Player) to keep the 2014 people in office as follows: Rudy

Widman, Chair, Ethel Rowland, Vice Chair and Eukeba Jones, Secretary. The motion passed.

- The board discussed the Library's current Patron Code of Conduct and some proposed samples that were distributed prior to the meeting. The consensus was that a shorter version with a positive statement on the front with some guidelines on conduct inside would be the ideal format. Suggestion was made that a longer, more specific version could be considered policy and be made available upon request. Library Manager will revise and distribute prior to the next meeting. Once the Library Advisory Board gives approval it will then go before the Board of County Commissioners for final approval.

#### Friends of the Library Report:

- Rudy Widman reported that a speaker for next year's dinner was discussed at the December meeting. There was an update on the recognition in memory of Lucille Howard and Alan Miller. Recruitment of new members for the Friends Board was also discussed.

#### Library Managers Report:

- LM reported that State Aid money this year totaled \$122,000, up \$28,000 from last year. She said that the additional money would be used in part for upgrades in technology in the branches, a rehab of the Fort Pierce meeting room space as well as e-books and DVDs.
- LM reported that the Florida State Library had extra money to spend at the end of the year and offered a 48 hour window to apply for free early literacy stations. St. Lucie County Library System was awarded five stations, one for each branch, with a combined total value of around \$16,000.
- LM distributed flyers and explained that the Library is presenting some new and exciting programming including a Spanish film festival at Morningside Branch and Book It! Celebrating Local Authors book fair at both Fort Pierce and Morningside Branches.

#### Board Comments:

- Maureen Melvin asked about access to the Library's website late at night. She said that someone she knew only had time to get online after midnight and that she had occasions where she could not access the Library's site. LM responded that it was likely an IT maintenance issue and she would look into this and report back.

- Eukeba Jones commented that a patron asked her about the Library's African American book selection and could there be more. LM responded that the Library is always open to buying suggested titles and authors and would welcome specifics about these interests. She also noted that books are shelved by catalog system so there would not necessarily be a separate section.

Next meeting scheduled for April 20, 2015 at Fort Pierce at 5:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair, Dr. Rudy Widman, at 6:30 PM.

Minutes approved by Library Advisory Board on April 20, 2015.