

Library Advisory Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday, October 17, 2016

Chairman Ethel Rowland called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM in the Fort Pierce Branch Library Meeting Room.

Members in attendance: Ethel Rowland, Maureen Melvin, Eloise Cummings, Eukeba Jones, Rudy Widman and Jewel Player. Also in attendance: Susan Jacob, Library Manager and Nancy Woodfin, Library Administrative Specialist.

Absent were Carnelle Clifton and Marjorie Harrell.

The minutes from the last Board Meeting dated 4/18/2016 were distributed. A motion was made and seconded (Rudy Widman/Eloise Cumings) to accept the minutes as distributed. The motion passed.

Old Business:

- Library manager gave an update on Rosser Boulevard Branch. The new branch is slated to open in mid-August of 2017. The bids for renovation were opened on May 5, 2016. On June 6 the bid was awarded to Anatom Construction at a cost of \$1,770,335. Construction commenced on August 1. She reported that construction is moving along. All demolition is done and steel support beams are being installed. LM handed out the latest furniture plan for the building.

LM said that the budget for opening the new branch is tight and that it won't be possible to fill the shelves completely for opening day. The Friends of St. Lucie County Library Association, Inc. will be inviting the public to help develop the collection with a "Fill the Shelves" campaign to be rolled out this fall. LM said that she expected to be able to have the branch's shelves completely stocked in three years.

LM reported that the ordinance pertaining to the Library Advisory Board had been amended, and has passed the BOCC on October 4, 2016. Copies of the amended ordinance were distributed. LM reported that the LAB bylaws have been revised to reflect the amended ordinance. The revised ordinance gives clarity in regard to term limits and states that a member of the LAB can serve as many terms as appointed with the exception of the At Large Member who is limited to two consecutive terms. All members appointed by a specific Commissioner or the Friends, serve at the pleasure of the Commissioner (or Friends) and are not subject to term limits.

- . All other changes to the LAB bylaws were approved at the last meeting. A motion was made and seconded (Eloise Cumings/Maureen Melvin) to approve the bylaws as amended. The motion passed.
- LM reviewed the LAB roster and reported that members Eukeba Jones, Eloise Cumings and Jewel Armstrong Player have terms coming due. She asked if they would be willing to continue serving on the board. They all responded affirmatively. LM said that she would recommend to their appointing commissioners that they be reappointed to the board. The vote by the BOCC to approve appointments to boards will be held in November. The LAB will hold officer elections at the January 2017 meeting.
- LM gave an update on the LAB section on the Library's web page. She showed the board the two locations where the board's information appears: on the county's website and mirrored on the Library's page. Rudy Widman recommended that the Roles and Responsibilities of the LAB be added to the LAB's page. LM responded that items can be added to the Library's LAB information page. It was also noted that the LAB Bylaws should also be added. A motion was made and seconded (Rudy Widman/Eukeba Jones) to add the LAB Roles and Responsibilities and Bylaws to the Library's LAB information page. The motion passed.
- The Library's DVD policy was discussed. Since the upgrade of the Sirsi system took place we are now able to restrict youth from checking out R-rated DVDs. LM ask the board for their opinion on this. LM said that we screen DVDs for quality before we add them to the collection. The consensus of the board is that restricting the checkout of R-rated DVDs resembles censorship and what youth are allowed to check out should be a monitored by parents and not the Library's. A motion was made and seconded (Eukeba Jones/Ethel Rowland) to leave the DVD policy in place as is with no changes. The motion passed.

Ethel Rowland brought up Banned Book Week and explained how the ACLU held an event to read from books that had at one time or another been banned. LM said that the branches also had displays during the week.

#### New Business:

- Meeting dates for the upcoming year were discussed. The dates agreed upon are January 23, 2017, April 17, 2017, July 17, 2017 & October 16, 2017.

#### Friends of the Library Report:

- Library Manager reminded everyone of the upcoming Friends of the Library 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Meeting to be held on November 12, 2016. Rudy Widman reported that the

Friends will be receiving a proclamation from the BOCC acknowledging their significant contributions to the Library on November 1, 2016 at the BOCC chambers.

#### Library Managers Report:

- LM reported that all of the branches made it through Hurricane Matthew with no damage. Libraries were closed from Wednesday afternoon (10/5) through Saturday (10/8) due to the storm.

The Library's budget was approved for FY16/17, including the 9 new positions needed for the new Rosser Blvd. branch. The approved budget amount is \$3,306,919 – \$1,665,000 FOR Library operating expense and \$2,106,496 for remaining Rosser costs.

The Summer Reading Program was a huge success this year. Almost 3,000 youth took part in the 12 Hours or 12 Book reading challenge. Incentives were provided by the Friends of SLC Library and the St. Lucie Mets and the Children's Services Council of the Treasure Coast awarded the Library a \$1,200 grant for the program.

LM reported that staff are doing a wonderful and energetic job with programing. From Little Engineers after school at Lakewood Park to Math Club at Hurston Branch to one-on-one Tech Help by appointment at all branches they are offering a robust lineup. County information officers are doing a fine job of promoting our programs with press releases and social media presence.

#### Board Comments:

None

Next meeting scheduled for January 23, 2017 at Fort Pierce at 5:30 PM.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting (Eloise Cumings/Eukeba Jones).

Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned by Chair, Ethel Rowland, at 6:30 PM.

Minutes approved by the Library Advisory Board on January 23, 2017