



Manatee Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2019

Central Library Business Incubator, 2 p.m.

Roll Call

Present

- Glenda Lammers, Library Services Manager
- Artis Wick, Chairperson, County at Large
- Patsy Ugarte, City of Palmetto
- Myron Robinson, Unincorporated County

Excused

- Beverly Neville, Island Communities
- Councilman Patrick Roff, City of Bradenton
- Name

Guests

- None

Call to Order

2:02 p.m. by Artis Wick, Chairperson

Approval of Minutes

Artis Wick inquired if everyone had a chance to review the minutes of January 17, 2019 and if there were any comments, suggestions or corrections. No corrections were made. Patsy Ugarte made the motion to approve the minutes as written. It was seconded by Myron Robinson. Therefore, Artis Wick announced the minutes were approved as written.

Library Manager's Report/Board Updates

- Glenda Lammers announced that the Dashboard statistics are almost identical to last year's cumulative totals. Material usage for the month of January 2019 was up by 2% compared to January 2018. Circulation was up by 6%, catalog logins were up 1% and in-house usage was up 5%.

Library Board Updates

- Glenda reported that Judy Mullen, Assistant Supervisor of Braden River, retired after a successful 17-year career. We are fortunate that Judy will still be a presence at Braden River by joining the Friends of the Braden River Library, perhaps even serving as its President. Thankfully, Judy will continue to be involved by donating her time and many talents.

Wellness Program Champions' Luncheon

- Wellness Program Champions Lin Sterner (Library Assistant at South Manatee) and Mary Lysaght (Librarian II at Rocky Bluff) were honored at a luncheon for crafting wellness challenges for fellow staff members. Every facility has a Wellness Champion who strives to keep our employees healthy. Lin coordinated a healthy recipe month while Mary inspired co-workers to drink more water throughout their day.

Fitness Programs

- Fitness programs continue to be very well attended. Yoga sessions are the most popular, with newly added disco aerobics and Tai Chi programs gaining momentum.

Youth Fair

- Rocky Bluff Library hosted its first annual Youth Fair for teens and tweens to showcase their burgeoning entrepreneurial skills and sell their wares. Sponsored by the Rocky Bluff Friends, the Youth Fair featured 20 booths with products ranging from dog biscuits and cookies to art and jewelry. Roughly 300 people showed up to enjoy the festivities. When asked by Patsy Ugarte if there will be future events such as this, Glenda replied that libraries do plan to host more Youth Fairs across the system.

Antiques Roadshow

- Braden River Library hosted an “Antiques Roadshow” which drew 90 people who brought in their treasures to be appraised. One man brought in a painting by Edward Hopper that was valued at \$3.9 million!

Tech Teens and Tweens

- Assistant Palmetto Supervisor Kaitlin Crockett hosted the first “Girls Who Code” series. Girls meet once per month and learn a new aspect of coding, reinforcing the STEAM lab curriculum. Central Library Assistant Bryan Sawyer facilitated a game design and virtual reality class at South Manatee Library, culminating in a “Botbow!” where young people make and program robots.

Voyagers' Trip

- The Downtown Voyagers are embarking on their third annual trip in September 2019. This year, Greece is the destination. Highlights of the trip will include visits to Athens, Delphi, the Acropolis, the Parthenon, the first Olympic Stadium and the Temple of Zeus.

Central Library Renovations

- Glenda mentioned that the elevators in Central Library will be refurbished starting in April. One elevator will be operational while the other is being repaired. The Central Library balcony and breakroom renovation is also underway which will be available for meeting space and programs. The Central Library Circulation workroom renovation was successful. Furniture built by skilled County craftsmen has been designed to improve workflow and give each staff person their own work space.

Update on East County Friends

- The East County Friends group is working hard to support the proposed new facility. Recently they had a fundraiser at a pizzeria in which roughly \$1,400 in proceeds and donations were raised. An in-kind agreement will be drafted and reviewed at an upcoming Board of County Commissioners' meeting. The new library will be located at the Premier Sports Complex on 2 acres. Representatives from Ugarte Architecture will determine a wish list to maximize the space with the desired features.

Library Foundation Update

- The Request for Proposal for the Library Master Plan was released from Procurement. The next step will be for consultants to respond.

New Business

Library of Things

- Glenda proudly announced that ukuleles have been a huge success! Artis mentioned that she is learning to play the instrument now and is having a lot of fun. The library offers classes for beginners and at the intermediate level.

National Library Week

- Artis Wick distributed a letter to fellow Advisory Board members seeking sponsorship during National Library Week (April 7-13, 2019). She encouraged everyone to gather donations of inexpensive items and gift certificates for each Library staff member. Patsy volunteered to obtain seed packets. Artis will once again ask John and Amanda Horne for gift certificates to their restaurant, Anna Maria Oyster Bar. A date to stuff the goodie bags for distribution has yet to be determined. A proclamation observing April 7-13, 2019 as National Library Week will be presented at the March 12 Board of County Commissioners meeting.

Old Business

- None.

Citizens' Comment

- None.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of Library Board of Trustees will be held on Thursday, March 21, 2019, at 2 p.m., Central Library Business Incubator.

Adjourn

Chairperson Wick motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was accepted by Myron Robinson and seconded by Patsy Ugarte. The meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.