

MINUTES

Citrus County Special Library District Advisory Board

April 23, 2009

HOMOSASSA PUBLIC LIBRARY

The regular meeting of the Citrus County Special Library District Advisory Board was held on April 23, 2009, 4:00 PM at Homosassa Public Library, 4100 S. Grandmarch Ave., Homosassa, FL 34446

Board members present: Chair, Richard Byrnes, Harley Nelson, Adelaide Keller, Edith Ramlow, E. E. Renfro, Sylvia Wilson, Elaine Ranous, Marianne Quack

Board members excused absences: Sheree Monroe

Staff Liaison: Flossie Benton Rogers, Director

CALL TO ORDER

- ◆ Meeting called to order by the Chair, Richard Byrnes, at 4:00 PM.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

- ◆ Quorum present.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of March 26, 2009 approved after corrections made.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

- ◆ **Fundraising Committee - N/A**
- ◆ **Planning Committee – Richard Byrnes, Chair**
Library Advisory Board Chair and Flossie Benton Rogers will be meeting individually with each Commissioner mid May to discuss the anticipated problems that could occur with the budget and share the importance of retaining dollars for Library Services and possibly increasing funding.
- ◆ **Library Information Outreach – Edith Ramlow, Chair**

REGULAR BUSINESS

- ◆ **Privatization in Hernando County**
Board of County Commissioners of Hernando County dismissed the pursuit of Privatization.
- ◆ **Floral City Public Library**
Floral City Public Library soft opening is April 28, 2009 followed by the grand opening on May 1, 2009, 2:00 p.m. Special guest speakers and Commissioners will be attending the grand opening. The Friends of Floral City Library will be providing refreshments. Live music will be provided and Floral City Elementary School students will be singing.
- ◆ **2009-2010 Budget**
Flossie Benton Rogers provided the Library Advisory Board with the following handouts: Library Services Budget Comparison, Facts/Figures, 2009-2010 Revenue Expenditure Summary.

Library Services Budget Comparison: All County departments were required to reduce their budgets by 10% due to the fact that the property appraiser estimated a loss of revenue between 6% and 10%. Note the Ad Valorem 10.4% reduction from \$3,396,651 to \$3,043,003. The

Reserves are being reduced drastically in order to pay debt service and balance the budget. If we receive more revenue than anticipated we will add that revenue to books. Most expenditure accounts were reduced.

Facts/Figures Library Services: Library Services has 63 employees equaling 54 full time equivalents. The chart "Return on Investment" means that for every tax dollar citizens receive services valued at \$6.37.

The revenue in donations from Friends of the Library is not taken into account or included in the Library Budget. Those donations are over and above the budget and benefit special needs that the Library may not otherwise be able to purchase through normal budget.

The main goal of meeting with the Board of Citrus County Commissioners is to provide them statistics that will promote the Library in a positive way and discuss services that the Library provides to the citizens of Citrus County to show the need for adequate funding.

- ◆ **2009-2010 Estimated Budget Draft Endorsement:** Seven members of the Library Advisory Board voted in favor of endorsing, 1 member was against endorsing, 1 member was absent. Public hearings will take place in July before the Board of Citrus County Commissioners final approval will occur September 2009.

On July 1, the property appraiser will provide the actual revenue projection.

- ◆ **Interesting Facts of Floral City**

The Floral City Public Library was built in 1968.

1968: Post Office had two mail couriers delivered to 85 FC addresses.

2007: Post Office had 13 employees serving 5300 FC addresses.

1965: FC Elementary School had 6 teachers and 101 students.

2007: FC Elementary School had 32 teachers, 28 support staff, and 600 students.

1961: FC Fire department had 1 fire truck and 600 square foot building.

2007: FC Fire department had 7000 square foot building.

1968: Water Association had 85 subscribers.

2007: Water Association had 2000 members.

No doubt that it was time to build a new Floral City Library!

- ◆ **Library Award Recognition**

Library Services has received the recognition "Keeping Citrus County Beautiful" Pride Award for two consecutive months.

- Homosassa Public Library has won the Pride Award April 2009
- Floral City Public Library has won the Pride Award May 2009

OLD BUSINESS

- ◆ **Adult Literacy Update**

Twenty one new Adult Literacy Tutors have been trained by Roberta Reiss from Collier County Public Library System. We currently have 101 tutors, 46 trained, 47 learners on the list, and 29 matched.

NEW BUSINESS

Citrus Springs Library had damage to their storage shed during a wind storm. According to Lorna Eastman no damage occurred to the books stored in the shed.

On May 28, 2009, is the Homosassa Friends' Mini Book Sale.

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NEXT MEETING

- ◆ The next regular meeting of the Library Advisory Board will be on Thursday, May 28, 2009 4:00 PM at Lakes Region Library, 1511 Druid Road, Inverness, FL 34452.

Respectfully submitted:

Theresa Arriaga, Recording Secretary