

# MINUTES

*Citrus County Special Library District Advisory Board*

**August 27, 2009**

**Homosassa Public Library**

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The regular meeting of the Citrus County Special Library District Advisory Board was held on August 27, 2009, 4:00 PM at Homosassa Public Library, 4100 S. Grandmarch Ave., Homosassa, FL 34446.

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

**Excused absences:** Sheree Monroe, Harley Nelson

**Staff Liaison:** Eric C. Head, Assistant Director

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## CALL TO ORDER

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

## DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

- ◆ Quorum present.

## READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- ◆ Minutes of July 23, 2009 approved.

## REPORT OF OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

- ◆ **Fundraising Committee - N/A**  
**Planning Committee** – Make arrangements to meet and discuss contingency plans for Citrus Springs Library in the event that they cannot support themselves.

Richard Byrnes addressed concerns about the Chronicle article complaint regarding handicap accessibility at Floral City Public Library. Eric C. Head clarified that Floral City Public Library although a town center style is handicap accessible and acceptable by the letter of the law. The front parking row has been designated as handicap and the sidewalks have been designed to the grade.

- ◆ **Library Information Outreach** – The “Love Your Libraries” committee has met and discussed purpose goals and focus of the program. The committee will continue to send handouts and LucyAnn Wines will continue to include articles in her column for “Love Your Libraries.”

## REGULAR BUSINESS

- ◆ **Library Advisory Board Member Terms** – Terms set to expire on September 30, 2009 have been extended by the Board of Citrus County Commissioners to January 30, 2010. Library Advisory Board members that have already submitted renewal applications will not need to resubmit in January.
- ◆ **Library Network Systems Upgraded** - In July our internet contract expired providing the opportunity to upgrade our network systems. We configured our network and expanded the

bandwidth located at each Library providing faster internet access. We replaced 54 outdated computers (OPAC catalog, staff). All Circulation Desk computers have been replaced. With the new computers, software upgrading can now be supported.

- ◆ **Twitter at the Library** – We are experimenting with Social networks such as “Twitter.” The library has joined “Twitter” (Twitter bookmark handout) which is a micro blogging site that contains small blurbs such as new author information or new reads. We may experiment with Facebook. Our goal is to stay up with technology and provide services that interest our patrons.
- ◆ **NetLibrary (E-books)** – We have added E-books to the catalog. These books can be downloaded from NetLibrary.
- ◆ **December 17, 2009 LAB Meeting** – Learning Services Library Staff would like to present a hands-on computer training at Homosassa Public Library for the Library Advisory Board members. The goal is to provide insight on what Library Learning Services is offering our library patrons.
- ◆ **New Library Staff** – Two new library staff members have been hired to fill two vacant Library Aide positions at Lakes Region Library. The new staff will begin on September 8, 2009. (Names: Deborah Hurley and Sabre Smith)
- ◆ **Homosassa Public Library Fence** – Due to a steep drop off on the side of Homosassa Public Library and concerns of safety, it was necessary to put a fence. A sidewalk and fence have been added and the work is complete.
- ◆ **Budget** - The final 2009-2010 budget will be approved at the BOCC meeting, September 22, 2009.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- ◆ Edith Ramlow advised that Tommie Moorlock, CFCC Ocala Campus has a brick removing tool. He may have suggestions regarding brick inscription. Adelaide Keller suggested looking at another fundraising idea for example, placing name plates or bricks into a wall either indoor or outdoor.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- ◆ Citrus Springs Library Book Sale is November 4, 2009.
- ◆ Sylvia Wilson mentioned that there are volunteers from the Friends groups' that would be willing to assist Citrus Springs Memorial Library in setting up a Friends' group.

### **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

- ◆ Adjourned at 5:15 PM.

### **NEXT MEETING**

- ◆ The next regular meeting of the Library Advisory Board will be on Thursday, September 24, 2009, 4:00 PM at Coastal Region Library, 8619 W. Crystal Street, Crystal River, FL 34428.

*Respectfully submitted:*

Theresa Arriaga, Recording Secretary