

MINUTES

Citrus County Special Library District Advisory Board

February 26, 2009

CENTRAL RIDGE LIBRARY

The regular meeting of the Citrus County Special Library District Advisory Board was held on February 26, 2009, 4:00 PM at Central Ridge Library, 425 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Beverly Hills, FL 34465

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

Board members excused absences: Edith Ramlow

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 January 22, 2009 approved.

SPECIAL STAFF PRESENTATION - LEARNING SERVICES

Paul Alford, Learning Services and Central Ridge Manager, made a special presentation on Learning Services, a service area of the Citrus County Library System that pertains to information and digital literacy.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

- ◆ **Fundraising Committee - N/A**
- ◆ **Library Information Outreach – Edith Ramlow, Chair**
- ◆ **Planning Committee – Richard Byrnes, Chair**
Flossie Benton Rogers, E.E. Renfro, and Richard Byrnes met to identify future projects. Future planning committee meetings will include developing scenarios that would tie future projects into potential fundraising to help support these projects.

REGULAR BUSINESS

- ◆ PHASE I CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP)
The budget is in Phase I / CIP process. The Library forwards recommendations to other County Departments/Division for review and cost estimates.

The Library has no new projects under the current CIP. The Five-Year CIP projection includes the expansion design for Lakes Region Library. The expansion will provide space for the Administrative and Technical Services functions as well as free up space for a Friends bookstore at Central Ridge Library. Due to lack of funding, the project will stay at Year Five and will not move forward in the CIP until economic support exists.

Other items in the CIP include debt service to pay off the Floral City and Homosassa loans. Although these loans are normally paid with impact fees, very little impact fees are coming in. The budget includes payment of those loans. The annually amount is nearly \$500K.

FLORAL CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

- ◆ An updated timeline for Floral City Public Library construction was provided. Timeline provides from March 10, 2009 closure of the temporary library location through the move into the new building. A soft opening is scheduled for April 2009 with May 1, 2009, 2:00 PM grand opening & ribbon ceremony.

NEW LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

- ◆ On February 24, 2009, the Board of County Commissioners nominated Sheree Monroe as the new Library Advisory Board Member. She will be appointed in March.

FRIENDS PROCLAMATION

- ◆ On March 10, 2009, at the Board of County Commission Meeting, an Appreciation Proclamation will be presented to the Friends of the Library.

COASTAL REGION, LAKES REGION, & HOMOSASSA LIBRARIES

- ◆ Coastal Region & Lakes Region Friends have upgraded the Youth Rooms and will continue their support by purchasing new tables and chairs.
- ◆ Coastal Region Friends will be enhancing the community room. A community room design illustration along with signage for the Youth areas was provided.
- ◆ The Homosassa Friends have purchased a new Microfilm Scanner.

LEAD UPDATE

- ◆ A freeze has been placed on the lead ruling for a year to allow for a solution.

ANNUAL MEETING FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

- ◆ Homosassa Friends annual meeting of will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2009. Guest speakers will be Flossie Benton Rogers, Director of Library Services, and Sgt. Chris Evans.

ADULT LITERACY

- ◆ Twenty-five Learners have been matched with Volunteer Tutors. Certificates will be handed out acknowledging achievement of each Learners goals.
- ◆ In April, Part II training session will take place for 25 more tutors. There is currently a waiting list of volunteer tutors. Library staff is looking at having two or three in-house certified individuals in the Adult Literacy Program to ensure the program can be sustainable and not dependent on outside trainers.

The Library applied for an Adult Literacy Grant (\$7,226) which provides vouchers for Adult Literacy materials. Staff is also investigating other grants such as the Dollar General Grant.

OLD BUSINESS

PAVERS

- ◆ Spoke with Spires and he has provided an information lead to follow up on.

AFRICAN AMERICAN READ-IN

- ◆ Sylvia Wilson reported that the African American Read-In was a success. However, due to increased participation, it may require a location change in the future.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Reappointment letters of Library Advisory Board members have been received for: Richard Byrnes, Adelaide Keller, Marianne Quack and Sylvia Wilson.
- ◆ Flossie Benton Rogers to follow up on reschedule of Bob McCranie for funding presentation.

NEW BUSINESS

- ◆ Discussion ensued around the topic of increased Library usage in hard times. The Library staff may be the basis for capturing usage information and statistical comparison.

The Library Advisory Board members may need to take a stand in the future regarding library funding. Library usage statistics may prove to be very valuable during that time.

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NEXT MEETING

- ◆ The next regular meeting of the Library Advisory Board will be on Thursday, March 26, 2009, 4:00 PM at Lakes Region Library, 1511 Druid Road, Inverness, FL 34452.

Respectfully submitted:

Theresa Arriaga, Recording Secretary