

**Minutes of the Volusia County Library Advisory Board Meeting**

November 2, 2007

Port Orange Regional Library

**Members:**

Claudia Hutchins, At-Large  
Dr. Henry Martin, District I  
Neil Harrington, District II  
Donald Needham, District III  
Chris Hartley, District IV  
Sue Lombardi, District V

**Staff:**

Lucinda Colee, Library Services Director  
Jane Weimer, Port Orange Regional Librarian  
Frank Bruno, County Council Chair  
Deborah Hawkins, Recorder

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Chair, Sue Lombardi called the meeting to order at 2:05pm.

Claudia Hutchins, Dr. Henry Martin, Neil Harrington, Donald Needham, Chris Hartley and Sue Lombardi were present.

**Recognition of Eva Williams for her many years of service to the Library Advisory Board:**

Frank Bruno spoke of his appointing of Eva Williams. He is very unhappy that he is unable to reappoint her.

Lucinda spoke of when Eva was the Friends of the Library at SCY. Lucinda also spoke about all of Eva's participation with libraries.

Eva was presented with gifts of appreciation. Sue Lombardi thanked Eva for her service.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

Donald Needham made a motion to approve the minutes of the September meeting. Dr. Henry Martin seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

**Budgets:**

Lucinda went over the budget reductions impact on staff. The libraries stand to take a bigger hit than other divisions if the referendum passes due to having its own funding line, with a potential 7% reduction. A recommendation was made to hold public workshops to discuss reductions following the referendum. Budget reductions will have to come from sources other than the reserves.

There has been an increase in revenue of more than \$12,000 due to the increased fines and fees.

**Reports:**

Sue Lombardi spoke of the accomplished goals for 2007 & 2008 handouts. The goals for 2008 are similar to 2007 with a few changes. Neil Harrington made a motion to adopt the 2008 goals. Donald Needham seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Chris Hartley asked if the annual report of goals had to be done every year. The annual report is a requirement for all advisory boards.

Neil Harrington would like more library supporters to meet with the State Legislators. He suggested we continue the local visits as well as have representatives attend Library Day in Tallahassee. Lucinda Colee pointed out the Florida Library Association made an effort to change the dates for "Library Day" so the legislature is not in session with the hopes of library supporters having the opportunity to meet directly with more legislators.

The Deltona project is moving forward and staff plans to take the project to County Council early next year.

Lucinda Colee spoke about the new library card registration policy that will allow parents to restrict children from checking out Adult Fiction DVDs.

**Public Participation:**

Betty Graher, president of the New Smyrna Beach Friends, thanked Lucinda for having Volusia County Public Library participate in National Friends of the Library Week. It made the Friends of the Library feel appreciated.

Jerry Lombardi, president of the DeBary Friends, talked about having a book sale on November 10 and essay contest about what DeBary means to me.

Eva Williams, president of the Port Orange Friends, talked about a book sale on December 7 & 8.

**Board Discussion:**

The Board was informed of Dr. Baytop's fall. She is doing well in recovery but has resigned her position on the Board.

**Next Meeting/Future Agenda Items:**

The next meeting will be on January 4<sup>th</sup> at the Volusia County Library Center at 2 pm.

**Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Denise Sprouse*