

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

December 7, 2015, 4:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Grace Chewning/Chairman, Patricia Roberts, Margaret Wells, Elizabeth Murphrey

**Members Absent:** Pamela Neal/Vice Chairman, Herbert Weissman, Anne West

**Staff:** Christine Patten/Library Services Division Manager & Secretary, Sara Gonzalez/Regional Branch Manager

- A. Ms. Chewning called the meeting to order at 4 p.m. Ms. Chewning noted that there was a quorum for the December 7, 2015 Library Advisory Board Meeting. Motion was made to accept the minutes from October 26, 2015 Library Advisory Board Meeting by Ms. Patricia Roberts, and seconded by Ms. Elizabeth Murphrey, and approved by unanimous vote.
- B. Ms. Patten discussed the Customer Survey which was extended through December 21, 2015 due to technical difficulties which delayed the original launch.
- C. Ms. Howerton reported on the Big Read, the central Florida reading event in partnership with the University of Central Florida. The book selected is *There Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston. The book will be featured in the library's books clubs for adults, and in the youth programs for school age children with the presentation of pourquoi stories.
- D. Ms. Gonzalez, who is heading up the Little Library project, reported on the progress on the Little Library which will be installed at Red Bug Lake Park in January 2015.
- E. Ms. Patten reported on the success of the genealogy program offered at the Central Branch, which included instruction on how to use Ancestry.com, and Heritage Quest databases, available through the library.
- F. Ms. Gonzalez reported on the project to plan and install a public demonstration garden behind the West Branch Library. The library is requesting funding from the Friends of the Library for the supplies for the demonstration garden.
- G. Ms. Patten discusses with the Board the future request for \$60,000 in funding from the Friends of the Library to fund new reference desks at the Central Branch, BluBeam, chess programs, the summer reading program, and other youth programs and events.
- H. Ms. Patten and the Library Advisory Board discussed the library's holiday hours for December 24<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>.
- I. Board members discussed an invitation to a training session on the Florida Sunshine Laws on December 17, 2015 at 11 AM.
- J. Ms. Chewning called for the election of officers. Ms. Patricia Roberts made a motion to nominate Ms. Grace Chewning as Chair, which was seconded by Ms. Margaret Wells and approved by unanimous vote. Ms. Margaret Wells nominated Ms. Pamela Neal for Vice-Chair, which was seconded by Ms. Elizabeth Murphrey and approved by unanimous vote.
- K. Ms. Chewning called for any discussion under the Good of the Order.
- L. Board members expressed interest in an update on the progress with the Seminole County Public Schools library card campaign for the next Library Advisory Board Meeting.
- M. Board member, Ms. Margaret Well expressed interest in an update of the open Library Advisory Board position. Ms. Well reported that library card application which can't be read could be sent back to the schools for checking in a system called Skyward.
- N. The next Library Advisory Board meeting will be held January 25, 2015 at the North Branch in Sanford and will include a tour of the branch, if the meeting room will be available.

**LEISURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

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O. Ms. Chewning declared the meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.