Library Advisory Board Meeting September 14, 2009

Present: Jennifer Finch, Ross Pagano,. Margie Johnson, Pat Southward (by telephone) and Library Services Director Jane Peterson

The meeting was called to order by the President, Ross Pagano 7 P.M. A quorum was declared. Minutes of the August 3, 2009 meeting were approved as read. Pat Southward called into the meeting but the library phones were not functioning correctly and she was therefore unable to attend.

Jane passed out a handout about a program called Overdrive which provides downloadable audio books for \$21,000 per year. A representative from the company will present information at the Central Branch Library on Tuesday, September 22 at 9 A.M. The Friends of the Library will be asked to fund the project if the decision is make to sign up for it.

Jane presented a position paper on Corporate Sponsorships. A tremendous amount of work would be required to obtain any sponsorships but it is a possibility. A Library Foundation is also a great deal of work to establish. It was felt that it would be more advantageous for the Friends of the Library to form a foundation at this time. Ross will present this idea at their next Board meeting. Jane will provide him with information.

Jane announced that an RFP has gone out for a way to use credit cards to pay bills countywide. Hopefully, something will come of this. It would enable customers to use credit cards to pay library fines.

Pat will draft a letter to be presented at the next meeting asking the County Commissioners to put a library referendum on the September 2010 ballot. There is a meeting on Thursday at 9A.M with Commissioner Dallari in Room 3026 for the purpose of brainstorming ideas about the library.

The next meeting will be called for October 19, 2009 at 7 P.M. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 P.M.

Respectively Submitted, Margie Johnson