

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

October 03, 2016, 4:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Grace Chewning/Chairman, Pamela Neal/Vice Chairman, Elizabeth Murphrey, Anne West

**Members Absent:** Herbert Weissman, Adele Burney,

**Staff:** Christine Patten/Library Services Division Manager, & Secretary,

- A. Ms. Chewning called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. Ms. Chewning noted that there was a quorum for the October 03, 2016 Library Advisory Board Meeting. The August 29, 2016 Library Advisory Board was not held due to no quorum. The September 26, 2016 Library Advisory Board meeting was rescheduled to October 03, 2016. Motion was made to accept the official minutes from July 25, 2016 meeting. Ms. Pamela Neal made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Anne West and approved by unanimous vote.
- B. Ms. Patten and the Library Advisory Board discussed the of the Library's long range plan for 2017-2021 which was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on September 13, 2016, as part of the State Aid Agreement.
- C. Ms. Patten and the Library Advisory Board discussed the Annual Plan of Service which was submitted with the State Aid agreement for approval of the Board of County Commissioners.
- D. Ms. Patten updated the Library Advisory Board on the open library positions.
- E. Ms. Patten noted that an exhibit of the artwork of artist, Dale Wayne for the Library's gallery has been cancelled.
- F. Ms. Patten and the Library Advisory Board discussed the proposal before the Board of County Commissioners to open all five library branches seven days per week, starting in January 2017. The proposal includes the addition of sixteen new or frozen part time positions to provide the staffing needed to cover a seven day work schedule.
- G. Ms. Patten updated the Library Advisory Board on the plan to offer two makerspace labs which will be called the Creativity Lab. These new spaces will offer hands-on learning programs that tie in with library materials and services, to attract additional library customers.
- H. Ms. Patten updated the Library Advisory Board members about two new online databases available for our county residents: America's Genealogy Bank and America's Obituaries from our vendor, Newsbank.
- I. The Library is planning a staff training day on October 10, 2016. The library branches would be closed for all staff members to attend. A speaker funded by the Friends of the Library will discuss customer services and stress.
- J. The Library Advisory Board noted the new landscaping installed at the Central Branch.
- K. Ms. Chewning called for any discussion under the Good of the Order.
- L. Sara Gonzalez, Regional Branch Manager for the West and Northwest Branches was awarded a national library and museum grant Sparks! Ignition Grants for Libraries. The grant will fund the Seminole County Public Library S.T.E.a.M. (Seminole Teens Empower and Mentor) program is aimed at empowering twenty Central Florida teen girls to become future leaders in STEM fields.
- M. Ms. Patten discussed the new teen program that is being developed to replace Teen Read. The new program which will be held in March 2017 will be offered at all branch locations and will encourage teens to participate at their local library, in science, technology, engineering and math based programs. The board noted that better things are coming.

- N. Ms. Chewning, Chair, reminded that board that December 5, 2016 will be the last meeting before the end of her term on the Library Advisory Board. Pamela Neal, Vice-Chair will also end her term on the board at the end of December.
- O. Next Library Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2016.
- P. Ms. Chewning adjourned the meeting at 5:08 PM.