

Library Advisory Board

Date: December 5, 2011

Attendees: Library Advisory Board Members Present

Regina Bereswill, Chair

Jennifer Finch, Vice Chair

Pamela Neal

Grace Chewning

Beverly Myers

Library Advisory Board Not Present:

George Distler, Ross Pagano, Treasurer

Staff present: Christine Patten, Library Services Division Manager, (Secretary), Barbara McCullough, Beverly McCormick, Ginny Howerton, Denise Tate

- I. Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Regina Bereswill.
- II. Approval of Meeting Minutes, from October 24, 2011.
 - a. Grace Chewning made a motion that was seconded by Beverly Myers.

III. Previous Business

- IV. Based on direction of the Board, Ms. Patten requested written clarification from Assistant County, Attorney Donna Wysong of the Library Advisory Board Bylaws in the Seminole County Administrative Code (4.20), Library Advisory Board, (C) Membership Structure. Ms. Patten reported on the results. The written clarification stated that it is clear that no Board member will serve for more than six consecutive years, regardless of the various commissioners who may appoint him or her during that time period. The written clarification also, clarified "prior authorization" to mean to contact the Board's staff in advance of the meeting to advise that he or she will not be able to attend.
- V. Board Member, Beverly Myers submitted her letter of resignation. The Board commended Ms. Myers years of service on the Library Advisory Board and her advocacy for library services.

New Business

- VI. Ms. Patten announced that a new board member, has accepted Commissioner Van Der Weide's offer to serve on the Library Advisory Board, Elizabeth Murphrey. Ms Murphrey is replacing Ross Pagano, Treasurer.
- VII. Ms. Patten reviewed the results of the Customer Survey developed by the Library Advisory Board and the staff and the results of Florida Library Snapshot Day. The results were very favorable, with 3,809 people visiting the Library on Snapshot Day, November 2, 2011. 95% of the customers taking the Library Advisory Board Survey indicated that they usually find books and other materials they need at the library. It was a surprising finding that 77% of the customer's surveyed did not use the Library's public Internet computers to look for work. Staff and the Board discussed the way the survey was presented they may have skewed this question.

- VIII. The Board discussed the Teen Read, Writing and Film Contest held each year in November in partnership with the Seminole County Public Schools and the Friends of the Library. The Boards has expressed interest in serving as judges for 2012.
- IX. Ginny Howerton, Public Services Resource Manager presented an overview of a new pilot program to provide outreach to citizens in assisted living and nursing homes, called Collection Connection.
- X. The Board discussed possible dates for the Spring Survey. National Library week if April 8-14th. The theme this year is You Belong @ Your Library.
- XI. The meeting was adjourned at 8 PM.