



Manatee Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2019

Central Library Business Incubator, 2 p.m.

Roll Call

Present

- Glenda Lammers
- Artis Wick
- Patsy Ugarte
- Beverly Neville

Excused

- Myron Robinson
- Councilman Patrick Roff

Guests

- None

Call to Order

2:04 p.m. by Artis Wick, Chairperson

Approval of Minutes

Artis Wick inquired if everyone reviewed the minutes of April 25, 2019 and if there were any comments, suggestions or corrections. No corrections were made. Patsy Ugarte made the motion to approve the minutes as written. It was seconded by Beverly Neville. Therefore, Artis Wick announced the minutes were approved as written.

Library Manager's Report/Board Updates

- Glenda Lammers reported the libraries had been very busy over the summer. Over 200 children packed into Braden River's auditorium to listen to astronaut Nicole Stott. She regaled the crowd with stories of her missions in space on both the Space Shuttle and the International Space Station. Unfortunately, not everyone who wanted to get in could attend because of space constraints.
- Central Library hosted a Harry Potter craft night in Area 52 Discover Lab.
- Youngsters at Braden River discovered how to come up with ideas for their own picture books and how to write a beginning, middle and ending.
- There was an Aladdin-themed party at Braden River to mark the end of summer reading.

Braden River Expansion

- We are working on expanding Braden River. We anticipate the process will begin this calendar year. Ava and Glenda are working closely with Property Management and Information Technology to re-evaluate plans drawn previously for the additional 4,250 square feet of space on the west side of the building. An auditorium, makerspace and study rooms are planned to be built.

East County Library

- A design-build team has been selected (but not named as of yet). The new facility will have approximately 24,000 sq. ft. Conversations will be conducted soon to incorporate stakeholders' input. We will get started once money is available.

All Friends' Meeting

- Prior to today's Advisory Board meeting, Glenda attended an All Friends' meeting at Palmetto. Attendees shared many good ideas and discussed common concerns.

Annual Plan of Service

- The Annual Plan of Service for FY2019-2020 hasn't been finished yet but it is in the draft stage. Once completed, it will be shared with the Library Advisory Board and will be submitted as part of the State Aid to Libraries' grant agreement.

Library Usage Statistics

- Library material usage was down by roughly 9,000 as compared to the previous year. This decline could be attributed to an earlier start to the school year and the fact that the always well-attended "Meet the Rays" program was not held. All present agreed that many variables can cause fluctuations in our statistics.

Board Appointments

- The Board terms will end on January 31, 2020 for Patsy Ugarte, Beverly Neville and Patrick Roff. Glenda asked if they would consider seeking re-appointments. Patsy indicated she would be glad to serve again. Patsy also said that in the event Patrick does not seek re-appointment, she does have a contact who wishes to represent the City of Bradenton and will let the individual know when the application period is open. Since Beverly has proudly served on the Board for 3 terms, she will not seek re-appointment but will ask the Friends of the Island Library for anyone interested in replacing her role. Artis commented that it is nice to have people who want to serve on the Board. Glenda offered that it does not require a huge time commitment since we meet monthly. The application process will be open sometime in November.

Glenda's Departure

- Glenda announced that she has turned in her resignation and her last work day will be 10/11. She accepted a position with US Army Libraries in San Antonio but will involve travel within the US and Germany. Board members were sad to see her go but wished her well and offered their congratulations. Beverly commented that she remembered Glenda "beamed" when she talked about her travels when she first joined the library team. Tammy Parrott will start on 9/30 as our new Assistant Library Service Manager. She is relocating from Keene, NH and has previously worked in Missouri.

Purchase Suggestion

- Beverly saw an article in the Bradenton Herald about topical books written by local author Lauren Gould. She recommended that we purchase “When Kids Switch Houses” and “When Kids Have Grandparents as Parents” which address children being raised in non-traditional ways. Beverly commented that by adding these items to our collection, it might raise awareness and ease the feeling that kids in these situations are alone. Glenda suggested that we would look at these recommendations and said there is a space for book purchases on our website too.

Old Business

- None.

Citizens' Comment

- None.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of Library Board of Trustees will be held on Thursday, October 17, 2019, at 2 p.m., in the Central Library Business Incubator.

Adjourn

Chairperson Wick motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was accepted by Beverly Neville and seconded by Patsy Ugarte. The meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.