

LADY LAKE LIBRARY BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF May 10th, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Dorothy Grubb who was the acting chair at 4:02 P.M. James Page was recuperating from recent surgery.

Members present: Dorothy Grubb, Jean Ganske, Whitney Stokes and Linda Underhill. Library Director Marilynn Nesbitt, William (Bill) Stokes, Representative to the County Library Advisory Board and Ruth Kussard, Lady Lake Town Commission Liaison were also present. James Page was excused. Rev. Paul Harsh and Lily Kliot were absent.

Approval of Minutes: Bill Stokes made a motion to accept the April minutes. Jean seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted.

Report by Chair: No report.

Report by Town Commission Liaison, Ruth Kussard:

- Relay for Life will be held May 18th and 19th at Rolling Acres Sports Complex.
- The qualifying date for Lady Lake Commissioners for Wards 2 and 4 is June 4-8.
- Chief Ed is retiring at the end of the month from the Lady Lake Police Department. There will be a reception for him in the library on May 29th between 4pm and 7pm.
- Two new boards have been formed in the Town of Lady Lake-- Citizens Advisory Task Force and the Economic Development Committee.

Report by Lake County Library Advisory Board Representative: There was no meeting in April. Tom Merchant will be retiring. His successor has not been named. The next meeting in Tavares is May 17th.

Report by Library Director, Marilynn Nesbitt:

Marilyn highlighted an article that was in The Daily Sun which reported on the Town Commission meeting where four members of the present Library Board were up for renewal as well as one new applicant. The article was accurate in reporting the details of the meeting. Marilyn and James Page defended the Library Board's right to recommend representatives to the Library Board. It was determined that the Library Board has not lost this power. The four current Library Board members, James Page, Rev. Paul Harsh, Jean Ganske, and Dorothy Grubb, were reappointed to the Library Board.

- The Kiwanis Club gave \$1,000 to the Summer Reading Program.
- The Young Actors Production will be putting on the play Murder at the Library Garden on Thursday, July 19th at 6:30 pm in the library. Young Actors between the ages of 12-18 are to come to a meeting on June 18th from 9:30am to 11:30am at the 2nd floor meeting room at the Lady Lake Library.
- The summer reading program calendars for June and July were passed out. There will be plenty of activities.
- The Festival of Reading made \$700 on the Quilt Raffle and \$825 for the Silent Auction. This money will pay for next year's library programs. We had good attendance, but not as good as Leesburg's event two years ago.
- Next year the Festival of Reading will be held at Mt. Dora. Marilynn recommended that the Festival next year be like a county fair to draw more people to the event. The name, Lake Bookfest, was suggested for the name of the Festival.

-- The controversial book, Fifty Shades of Gray, the first of a trilogy, was discussed. It is a “soft porn” book that has been highlighted on a number of TV and radio talk shows. Many libraries across the country, including Brevard County in Florida, have taken the book off their library shelves. Lady Lake Library now has over 122 holds on this book in our circulation. Mt. Dora has now added a copy. At the present time, Lady Lake Library will continue to have copies of this book. The Library Board reviewed the policy pertaining to removing a book from the library. If a patron wants to contest a book they must fill out many forms and then the issue would be brought before the Lady Lake Library Board, the Lake County Library Board and the Town Commission before any action would be taken.

The Lake County Library budget was reduced and as a result there have been cuts to staff, etc. in libraries in Lake County. Our reimbursement from Lake County may be lower due to these budget cuts, but Lady Lake Library will not lose any employees since the library is funded by the Town of Lady Lake and not Lake County.

Orange County Library System wrote to Lake County Library System requesting that the Reciprocal Borrowing Agreement be discontinued with Lake County. Lady Lake Library has eleven patrons that have an Orange County reciprocal card. A six month notice was given to those patrons and after that, Orange County patrons and Lake County patrons will need to pay for a card if they want to borrow books from outside their county.

Old Business – No old business

New Business – No new business

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Underhill, Lady Lake Library Board Secretary