

Minutes of the Lady Lake Library Advisory Board Meeting June 9, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman Jim Page at 4:00 pm, June 9, 2011. Present at the meeting were board members Jim Page, Jean Ganske, Paul Harsh, Linda Pullen, Dorothy Grubb, Lily Klot, Ruth Kussard and Marilyn Nesbitt, library director. Guests William (Bill) and Whitney Stokes also attended. Linda Underhill was excused from the meeting.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as published.

Reports

Chairman: The chair presented some news articles relevant to the history of the library.

Liaison to County Library Board:

Guests Bill and Whitney Stokes were introduced. Bill has agreed to serve as the advisory board's representative to the Lake County Library System.

Town Commissioner:

Ruth Kussard reported that Emogene Stegall, Lake County election official, commented to her that the Lady Lake Library is "the most beautiful library" she has ever seen. Early voting will be held in the library for the next election.

Library Director: Marilyn Nesbitt thanked the board for the flowers she received during the grand opening of the library.

She reported that Mr. Stokes had written an article about our library construction project for the ALA journal.

The director noted that there were only "tiny glitches" associated with the new space. Computer usage in the library has increased, including patrons using both inside and outside space for laptops; there is space for another row of six computers. Lori, reference staff member, is teaching classes in using the internet, doing research on line, and PowerPoint. Each class is limited to 8 people; there is no charge for this training. Patrons are responding well to the security desk and lockers.

In the "old building," the wrong conduit for the computer line was installed. The telecom/electrician will fix this for free; the "easy fix" would slow computers down, and the "good fix" avoids this problem.

Long range planning for the county library system is beginning, with the library directors taking a first cut at the plan, which then is passed to the county library staff, then the county library board, and finally to the county commissioners for final approval.

Access to electronic books will be available to county system libraries and affiliated libraries, with each library paying a percentage of the cost related to the library budget.

The interlocal library agreement is coming up for renewal after a one year extension. County reimbursement is decreasing again this year with each library receiving a base amount of \$15,000 rather than \$20,000. Circulation, tied to reimbursement, flat-lined at the Lady Lake library during construction.

The requested use of the library's meeting rooms is growing. In addition to being an early voting location, the library will provide space in the upstairs meeting room for the annual AARP tax help program.

Opening day celebration: The board viewed the video of the events of the day, highlighted by the cutting of the ribbon by two of Max Pullen's grandchildren; the library is dedicated to Pullen, former mayor of Lady Lake, who in his lifetime was a major supporter of libraries and children's programs. At the time of the meeting, there were already donations of \$2,000 happily requiring the addition of names to the glass honor wall.

Utilities: Electric bills seem quite high; the March bill (paid in arrears for February) was \$4600; April (for March) was \$5300; and May (for April) was \$5100. Staff were trained to program the computerized air conditioning system; therefore the director will wait for the June bill to see if costs decline.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 pm.