

LADY LAKE LIBRARY BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF December 8, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Page at 4:04P.M.

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

The minutes of the October meeting were accepted. (There was no meeting in November.)

Report by Chair: James Page shared an article about a library in Central Falls, RI. The library was closed because of lack of funds, but the town pitched in with money received from individuals and groups so that it could reopen part time with the help of volunteers. Viola Davis, Senator Elizabeth Crowley, Actor Alec Baldwin were some of the donors.

Report by Town Commission Liaison, Ruth Kussard : Ruth Kussard reported that Light Up Lady Lake would be held Friday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m..

Report by Lake County Library Advisory Board Representative: Last month's meeting was canceled because of lack of business and there is no meeting scheduled for this month.

Report by Library Director, Marilynn Nesbitt:

Library Board member, Linda Pullen, has moved out of the Lady Lake district so there is a vacancy on the Lady Lake Library Board. Marilynn asked Bill Stokes if he would consider the position.

The meeting rooms upstairs have been used a lot. We had a room change for our meeting because the AARP was having a training session upstairs and Marilynn was not sure of when the meeting would be over. After the AARP meeting a leakage in a bathroom upstairs was discovered. That bathroom will be closed until repairs can be made. All work is covered under the building warranty.

The big book drop that The Friends of the Library bought is working out well. People are using all three book drops. The bigger book drop eliminated the need to empty the book drop during the week end. The flag pole will soon be moved to a new location.

E-Books – The E-books are in high demand in all the libraries, including Lady Lake. The Lake County E-Book program is purchasing additional copies of E-books that are best sellers or very popular. Marilynn took a small survey in our library to determine whether E-Book patrons would rather:

A. Have up to 10 copies of a very popular E-book and wait less time for the most popular E-books, but then have a smaller number of E-books to choose from,

OR

B. Wait a longer period of time for the most popular E-books, and then have more E-books to choose from.

The survey showed that more E-book patrons wanted the B option. This survey and other future surveys will be shared with the Lake County Library Board. The Lady Lake Library Board was in favor of the second option for E-books as well as for regular print books.

Festival of Reading Program – Marilyn showed a poster and handed out a draft copy of the 2012 Festival of Reading Program which will be held March 26th-31st. This year's theme is 'In the Garden'. Various libraries will have author presentations throughout the week. The main event of the Festival program will be Friday March 30 where there will be four featured artists during the day and a 6:30 p.m. Author Reception at the Lady Lake Library. There will also be other related activities during the evening such as a raffle and silent auction, bookmark design contest awards, youth activities and Gourmet hor d'oeuvres by the Tavares High School culinary class. The Lady Lake youth will do a humorous play called Murder in the Library Garden. The Lady Lake Garden Club will also be involved in this event. They will have a Bower contest. This will be Lady Lake Library's biggest event. Marilyn will need the help of the Library Board members for this event.

The Lady Lake Local Authors Program will be held April 18th. Seven authors have already signed up. The event is limited to 30 authors.

Old Business – There was no old business.

New Business –

Jean brought up the importance of the staff using their name tags. The patrons appreciate knowing what staff person they are conversing with.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 P.M

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Underhill, Lady Lake Library Board Secretary