

**MINUTES OF THE
TOWN OF LADY LAKE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE LADY LAKE LIBRARY BOARD
LADY LAKE, FLORIDA**

**August 10, 2017
4:00 p.m.**

The Lady Lake Library Board Meeting was held in the Town Hall Commission Chambers at 409 Fennell Blvd., Lady Lake, Florida. The meeting convened at 4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson/Member Reverend Paul Harsh, Vice Chairperson/Member James Page, Member Joseph D'Elia, Member Dorothy Grubb, and Member Doc Jones

ABSENT: Lake County Library Advisory Board Representative Frank Kirschenheiter

TOWN STAFF PRESENT: Marsha Brinson, Library Director; and Julia Harris, Administrative Assistant to Town Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: Commissioner Ruth Kussard

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson/Member Dr. Paul Harsh called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION: Reverend Jerry Montgomery, Immanuel Baptist Church

OPEN FORUM: There were no comments from the audience.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 8, 2017

Upon a motion by Member Jones and a second by Member Page, the Lady Lake Library Board approved the minutes of the June 8, 2017 regular meeting as presented by a vote of 5-0.

REPORT BY CHAIR: No report.

REPORT BY TOWN COMMISSION LIAISON: Commissioner Kussard reported that in November, the Florida voters approved legislation to allow medical marijuana. She stated that when Governor Scott signed Senate Bill A8 in June, counties and municipalities were given the option to allow or ban medical marijuana treatment center dispensing facilities to be located within their boundaries. She stated there are currently two such facilities just north of Lady Lake; one in Oak Hills Professional plaza called Truelieve, and one in Summerfield in Baylee Plaza. Commissioner Kussard stated the state has not provided guidelines except that they be allowed in the same zoning as a pharmacy if allowed, or they can be banned altogether. She stated she is concerned about this as there are nine pharmacies currently located within the Town limits.

Commissioner Kussard stated she polled residents of her Ward and although two thirds of Lady Lake voters voted for to legalize medical marijuana, the majority (4-1) did not want the treatment center dispensing facilities located within the Town limits of Lady Lake.

Member Jones clarified that people just do not want it sold here, but they can buy it elsewhere and bring it to their home.

Commissioner Kussard reported the Town Commission just approved an ordinance setting a 180-day moratorium to give them more time to look into this issue.

Chairperson Harsh asked if the two facilities north of town are exclusively selling medical marijuana.

Commissioner Kussard replied they are, although they have the same zoning as a regular pharmacy.

Commissioner Kussard reported the tentative tax millage rate for the Town will remain the same as last year at 3.3962 if the votes are the same in September as they were at last month's budget workshop. The garbage rate will remain at \$162.00 per year for Lady Lake residents, and the fire assessment for those living in The Villages portion of Lady Lake will remain the same as last year at \$90.11. She stated she believes the fire assessment for those living outside of The Villages portion of Lady Lake is a little higher than that.

REPORT BY LAKE COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE: No report. Ms. Brinson stated she believed the liaison is experiencing some health issues and was not able to attend.

REPORT BY LIBRARY DIRECTOR: Ms. Brinson reviewed highlights of the Library Director's Report for July – August 2017. The report was handed out and is as follows:

It was a busy and rewarding summer at the Lady Lake Library! Even though our "snowbirds" are up north, our year round residents are loyal library patrons, attending programming, take classes, and checking out a huge amount of materials.

The Youth Library was extremely active this summer. We took part in the state-sponsored Summer Reading Program. This year's theme was "Build a Better World" and many of our programs were centered on that theme. One of the big hits of the summer was our Truck Rodeo with our Public Works Department. Children listened to a construction themed book before going outside to see all of the department's assorted vehicles and equipment. They were allowed to sit in trucks and see demonstrations, and were treated to cookies and freeze pops. I believe the Public Works employees had just as much fun as the kids!

Children and family also enjoyed our summer entertainers from reptiles to drumming, after which they received prizes and earned points for their summer reading. The highlight of the summer was a Coding Camp taught by Dr. Kate Austin, a retired computer science professor. Children from ages 8 to 14 learned how to code and program to create their own video game and app for a phone. The camp was very successful with 14 children finishing the two weeks. The Town's I.T. Director, John Pearl, was a great help with the camp. Over 1,000 children and their families were reached this summer this summer.

Ms. Brinson stated the library is short-staffed at the time due to an employee being on maternity leave, although she will return to work in October.

Plans are in process for fall and winter programming and classes for our youth, but we are also planning our remodel for October. The Youth Library will get new flooring, fresh paint and new furniture. Current space that is now used as an office will be incorporated into the library. It will

be bright and fresh and very family-friendly. Because of the remodel, the Youth Library will be closed for a time (to be determined), but story time will still be held in another part of the library. Ms. Brinson reported that approximately 100 sq. ft. will be added to the Youth Library. She stated the Friends of the Library have generously offered to purchase a new circulation desk and new computer furniture for this area.

Adults also enjoyed a Summer Reading Program with many completing Book Bingo. Those completing the bingo card had their names placed into a fish bowl for a drawing for a grand prize awarded at the end of August. The Adult Library has new displays and will be offering new classes and programs in the fall to include craft classes, another book discussion group, and computer and eReader classes. Our adult collection is being constantly weeded to keep it fresh and up to date. Our Friends of the Library continue to accept donations and their sale room is very popular with our patrons.

Ms. Brinson reported that a new staff position has been approved for the library, and interviews will start next week. The person in this position will be responsible for working as a circulation floater and will be in charge of the community building rentals (based out of the library).

Ms. Brinson stated the Friends of the Library purchased new school supplies, back packs, and first day of school outfits in support of six children who live near the library. She stated a school supply drive was also held at the library and boxes of supplies, as well as cash donations, were donated to the Lady Lake Elementary School.

Ms. Brinson reported the “My Little Library” kiosk which was donated by the Friends of the Library will be placed at Log Cabin Park shortly.

Ms. Brinson reviewed the July 2017 library statistics, pointing out that the number of patrons continue to increase.

Member Jones commented that he was a former member of Rotary and belongs to the Lion’s Club now, and these organizations have on-going programs to provide resources such as school supplies for children in need.

Ms. Brinson stated that library staff has worked hard to form a relationship with the school, and some families fall between the cracks. She stated staff was aware of the need for the school supplies for the children living near the library.

Chairperson Harsh asked if there is still a need for school supplies, as there are other resources. He stated he would like to be informed if other needs come up.

Ms. Brinson replied they are probably covered for school supplies at this time, although other needs come up through the year, such as coats during cooler weather.

Member Jones asked if there is a Town employee who liaisons with the school.

Commissioner Kussard replied that the Town Manager would most likely be the contact with the principal, although there is no formal liaison that she is aware of.

Member D’Elia asked if the materials in the Youth Library will still be accessible when it is closed for remodeling.

Chairperson Harsh also asked how long it will take to complete the remodeling of the Youth Library.

Ms. Brinson replied the remodeling should be done within two to three weeks, and there will be a smaller traveling collection that may be available in another area, and programming will continue.

Chairperson Harsh asked if Ms. Brinson had picked anyone for the new position in the library yet.

Ms. Brinson stated interviews will begin next week and she has picked out three strong candidates.

OLD BUSINESS: No report.

NEW BUSINESS: No report.

ADJOURN: *With no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.*

Nancy Slaton, Deputy Town Clerk

Dr. Paul Harsh, Chairperson

Minutes transcribed by Nancy Slaton, Deputy Town Clerk