

MINUTES

Citrus County Special Library District Advisory Board

March 25, 2010

LAKES REGION LIBRARY

The regular meeting of the Citrus County Special Library District Advisory Board was held on March 25, 2010, Lakes Region Library, 1511 Druid Road, Inverness, FL 34452.

Board members present: Chair, Richard Byrnes, Elaine Ranous, E. E. Renfro, Adelaide Keller, Edith Ramlow, Sylvia Wilson, and Sandra Price

Excused Absences: Marianne Quack, Harley Nelson

Staff Liaison: Flossie Benton Rogers

CALL TO ORDER

- ◆ Meeting called to order by Chair, Richard Byrnes at 4:00 PM.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

- ◆ Quorum present.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- ◆ Minutes of February 25, 2010 approved.

SPECIAL GUEST – JACQUIE HEPFER – LIBRARY LIAISON FOR INVERNESS CITY COUNCIL

- ◆ Jacquie Hepfer of Inverness, provided an update for the City of Inverness. Jacquie spoke of 20 projects funded mainly by grants that are currently in process.

Completion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant is underway with a tentative grand opening date of May 8, 2010 11:00am.

Inverness has purchased the Valerie Theater. The goal for the use of the theater is to have matinees, comedy shows, and plays. In addition, interaction between the Libraries and the Theater would be a great goal to achieve.

OATH OF OFFICE & REAPPOINTMENTS

- ◆ New Library Advisory Board member Sandra J. Price was sworn in for a two year term, expiring January 31, 2012.
- ◆ Edith Ramlow, Harley Nelson, Elaine Ranous, and E.E. Renfro have been reappointed for a two year term, expiring January 31, 2012.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

- ◆ **Planning Committee** – Concerns of state aid being eliminated was a topic of discussion. Library Advisory Board members are encouraged by the Florida Library Association to write letters to State officials pleading that this state aid funding not be eliminated.

Library Advisory Board Chairman requested that a Library Fund-Raising Committee be established to meet once a month. Elaine Ranous, Sandra Price, and Jacquie Hepfer volunteered to head this committee.

◆ **Library Information Outreach – Edith Ramlow**

Edith shared information on the Advocacy Leadership 2010 Workshop offered through Wiki Webinars. The workshop is on Library Strategic Storytelling. This (3) session workshop will take place on May 19, June 2, and June 16th. The goal of the workshop is to learn how to build, troubleshoot, and share stories.

REGULAR BUSINESS – Director’s Report

- ◆ Friends’ Proclamation has been rescheduled to April 27, 2010, time certain 2:45 p.m., Board of County Commissioners Board Meeting. Arrival at 2:15pm is requested. Refreshments will be held immediately after at Lakes Region Library.
- ◆ Work is underway on the Fundraising Brochure. The goal of the brochure is to offer valuable information on how the public can donate to the Library (i.e., grants, wills, trusts, and foundation).
- ◆ Citrus County Library System Annual Statistics 2009-2010 was distributed.
- ◆ We currently have 92,348 cardholders, 65% of Citrus County’s population, exceeding the standard of 50%.
- ◆ The county is currently conducting a 9-week Citizen’s Academy. One of the sessions was held at Homosassa Public Library.
- ◆ Homosassa Public Library Mini Book Sale will be held on March 29th & 30th from 10:30am to 7:30pm.
- ◆ Floral City Public Library held their book sale and raised \$3700.00.
- ◆ FOCCLS will be holding their Spring Annual Book Sale April 9 thru 13th at the Citrus County Auditorium. Friday, April 9th is opening night with a \$5.00 donation per person.
- ◆ Adult Literacy Tutor Training Workshop will be taking place on April 29th & 30th at Homosassa Public Library.
- ◆ Cherie Byrnes has accepted the Vista volunteer position for literacy.
- ◆ A copy of the Citrus County Department of Community Services Brochure was handed out.

OLD BUSINESS

- ◆ Consideration of adopting additional Library Advisory Board members was discussed. The focus of additional members (2) would not necessarily be restricted to sit on the board but to work in specific areas such as Fundraising.

NEW BUSINESS

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

- ◆ May 8, 2010 is the Citrus Springs Library book sale.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- ◆ Adjourned at 5:08 PM.

NEXT MEETING

- ◆ The next regular meeting of the Library Advisory Board will be on Thursday, April 22, 2010 at Central Ridge Library, 425 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Beverly Hills, FL 34465

Respectfully submitted: Theresa Arriaga, Recording Secretary