

MINUTES

Citrus County Special Library District Advisory Board

March 26, 2009

LAKES REGION LIBRARY

The regular meeting of the Citrus County Special Library District Advisory Board was held on March 26, 2009, 4:00 PM at Lakes Region Library, 1511 Druid Road, Inverness, FL 34452

Board members present: Chair, Richard Byrnes, Harley Nelson, Adelaide Keller, Edith Ramlow, E. E. Renfro, Sylvia Wilson, Elaine Ranous Sheree Monroe

Board members excused absences: Marianne Quack

Staff Liaison: Flossie Benton Rogers, Director

CALL TO ORDER

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

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

- ◆ Quorum present.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- ◆ Minutes of February 26, 2009 approved.

NEW MEMBER SWORN IN

Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County approved the appointment of Sheree Monroe. Flossie Benton Rogers, Director, Library Services swore in Sheree Monroe as member of the Special Library District Advisory Board.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

- ◆ **Fundraising Committee - N/A**
- ◆ **Library Information Outreach – Edith Ramlow, Chair**
We continue to receive “Love Your Libraries” stories.
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- ◆ **Planning Committee – Richard Byrnes, Chair**

REGULAR BUSINESS

- ◆ **Director’s Report**

Expansion of Sidewalks

Chuck Dixon reported that a grant is being sought to construct the sidewalks and bike paths from Forest Ridge Elementary School to the Library and Park. The Library wrote a letter to support the grant.

Stimulus Funding

The stimulus package may provide funding to benefit libraries in the following areas:

- 1) Boost State Aid
- 2) Experience Works & Senior Workers
- 3) Technology

The stimulus funding is not setup for library construction projects or building maintenance.

State Aid

Estimated projections of State Aid figures are currently at \$21 million.

Florida Public Libraries & Privatization

Hernando County is exploring the option of library privatization. Both ALA and FLA speak against privatizing public libraries. (Handout dated March 18, 2009)

OLD BUSINESS

Pavers

We are still investigating the issue of engraving and placement of bricks. No one thus far has been able to help.

Workforce Reentry

Coastal Region Library together with Workforce Connection is involved in planning. The program was a success at Lakes Region Library and we look forward to having more in the future.

Literacy

The next Literacy Tutor training will be taking place April 16 and 17, 2009.

CPSIA

The American Library Association supported Nebraska congressman U.S. representative Jeff Fortenberry to amend the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act to exempt books from the lead limit within the act. This is a step towards ensuring that libraries will not be adversely affected by the law.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Meeting Request

The Library Advisory Board would like to meet with the Citrus County Commissioners in a one on one meeting to discuss the growth in the Citrus County Library System and to share the annual statistics and the value of our libraries in relation to facing economic times.

Friends of the Citrus County Library System would like to emphasize their recommendation for LAB members to represent all geographic areas of the county.

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NEXT MEETING

- ◆ The next regular meeting of the Library Advisory Board will be on Thursday, April 23, 2009 4:00 PM at Homosassa Public Library, 4100 S. Grandmarch Ave., Homosassa, FL 34446

Respectfully submitted:

Theresa Arriaga, Recording Secretary