

LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
March 30, 2023 - 2:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Judy Cohan, Chair
Wendy Holmes Boring, Member
Kathleen Kennedy, Member
Karen Marriott, Member
Bill Thompson, Member

STAFF PRESENT: Matthew O'Neil, Librarian
Ariana Wilson, Admin. Assistant – Clerk's Office

Chair Cohan called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Member Thompson entered the room at 2:02 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Member Holmes moved and Member Kennedy seconded the approval of the agenda as presented with no changes; the motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

2. Audience Comments –None

3. Approval of Minutes

a. 12/15/22

Member Holmes moved and Member Kennedy seconded the approval of the 12/15/22 minutes; the motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

4. Action Items

a. Election of Officers 2023-24

Vice Chair Thompson moved and Member Holmes seconded the reappointment of current Committee Chair Cohan for 2023-24.

A brief discussion regarding the possibility of new board appointments due to recent Commission changes ensued. Member Thompson agreed to take an Interim position of Vice Chair, should he be replaced on the Board.

Chair Cohan moved and Member Holmes seconded the appointment of Interim Committee Vice Chair Thompson for 2023-24.

5. Discussion Items

a. Programming

Mr. O'Neil announced they are starting to see library patrons returning to pre-pandemic numbers.

Mr. O'Neil reviewed some recent popular programs which include:

- 6-week concert series

- Topics in American history
- Story time for kids
- Animal programs
- Author events
- Homeowner events

Mr. O'Neil reviewed some upcoming programs which include:

- Health-related programs such as: Healing Arts, The Art Health Connection, Advanced Care Planning
- Presentation by the Pinellas Beekeeper Association
- Movie events to include world cinema and documentaries
- Summer reading program with a theme of "All together now"
- Hope to feature some more animal programs

Mr. O'Neil also announced the library is taking a more collaborative approach by teaming up with the Fire Department and Recreation Department to feature some programs such as:

- Land and Gulf Safety Day
- Hurricane prep
- Holiday programs

b. RFID Project

Mr. O'Neil discussed the current RFID project which will allow customers to place a stack of books for self-checkout vs. scanning each book, as well as tech that will allow detection of DVDs or CDs that have not been checked out. This new technology will help improve the current workflow at the library.

They are hoping to complete this project by the end of the current Fiscal Year.

6. Adjournment - Next meeting 9/21/2023

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

These minutes were approved at the September 21, 2023 Library Advisory Committee meeting.