

LADY LAKE LIBRARY BOARD

MINUTES OF THE Meeting OF April 8, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Page at 4:05P.M.

Members present: James Page, Jean Ganske, Joe Quinn, Lily Kliot, Linda Pullen, Dorothy Grubb, Rev. Paul Harsh and Linda Underhill. Others who were present: Library Director Marilynn Nesbitt and Commissioner Ruth Kussard.

Report by Chair: Chairperson James mentioned the newspaper articles about library cuts. The USA Today March 25,2010 article entitled – “Libraries and Nation’s Job Hunts” stated ----

“ A third of Americans, about 77 million people use public library computers to look for jobs, connect with friends, do their homework, and improve their lives, a new study said. Researchers found those living below the federal poverty line – families of four with a household income of \$22,000 or less – had the highest use of library computers. Among those households, 44 % reported using public library computers and internet access during the past year. The study, by the University of Washington Information School, was paid for by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation”

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes of February 2010. (There was no meeting in March.) The motion was made by Linda Pullen and seconded by Lily Kliot. The minutes were accepted.

Report by Town Commission Liaison, Ruth Kussard: The Commissioner thanked all the members of the Library Board for serving on the board

Report by Lake County Library Advisory Board Representative: Joe commented that there was nothing to report from the last county meeting, but that the internet access policies and procedures would be the big topic at the next meeting. The budget and budget cuts will also be discussed.

Report by Library Director, Marilynn Nesbitt: Marilynn recently learned that the State Senate and State House put zero monies in for libraries. As time gets closer to the issue being brought up in the session committees, Marilynn will forward information so that we can contact the State Senators and House Representatives. The State is picking on the Recurring Funds items. There was also a notice from Lake County that county funding for running the library MAY be reduced just like last year. These notices are usually sent out six months before action is taken. No libraries will be closed in Lake County. Umatilla Library is closing one day a week. Rev. Harsh mentioned that we wouldn’t have as many problems with library funding if more businesses or local foundations would support the libraries. During the discussion, Joe mentioned that we should be careful about seeking extra funds. He said that if you exceed the budget because of extra funding, it could jeopardize the monies allocated for the operating

budget. A suggestion was made that we could seek funding for special specific projects or purchases. After the library addition is completed, the Friends of the Library, who are involved in fund raising, and Lily Kliot could consider this matter of extra funding for the library.

On April 5th, Jean Ganske, Rev. Harsh, James Page and Dorothy Grubb were approved by the Lady Lake Town Commissioners to continue on the Library Board for another term.

Marilynn handed out information about a free workshop on Effective Advisory Boards and Committees if Board members were interested in attending.

Construction Project: Everything is on schedule. There are no major problems.

We had some discussion about the Grand Opening. After the New part of the library is completed, we will close the present building for the move and renovation. At that time we will have a Grand Opening of the new library building. . After the renovation of the present building we will have another Grand Opening for that part of the library, which is the Youth facility and Technical Services.

Marilynn discussed the Fund Raising Project, Get Your Name in a Book, to support the Opening Day Collection that she and Lily are working on. For each \$25 donation you receive a book plate. Lily will work on a Tri-Fold flyer that will give information on this book plate fundraiser. Library staff can then put the flyers in books as patrons check out. Added to the flyer will be – “See Marilynn Nesbitt for more ways to give to the library.”

We continued looking at the Policy Ordinance 2010. (Use of the Community Building and Library Meeting Rooms) The most important part of the Ordinance is the fee structure for the different meeting rooms. We discussed the three different kinds of rooms and the rental costs of each. One change was to charge individuals and groups the same rate. Joe brought up combining and omitting words to make the statements clearer. We also discussed clarifying the terminology of “local and non- local groups,” “residential and non-residential” and “profit and non- profit groups.” Marilynn included a category of Commercial Use in the Ordinance and defined the words and the fees that should be charged such groups. It was moved and seconded that a statement be added that non-profit or charitable groups should be billed under local and non local use. The fifty five dollar security deposit includes a five dollar non refundable Administration Fee. It was decided that Marilynn would rework certain sections and bring the revised document to the Library Board next month.

New Business: None

The motion to adjourn was made and accepted at 5:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Underhill, Library Board Secretary