

LADY LAKE LIBRARY BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF January 12, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Page at 4:04P.M.

Members present: James Page, Dorothy Grubb, Jean Ganske, Lily Kliot, Rev. Paul Harsh and Linda Underhill. Library Director Marilynn Nesbitt, William (Bill) Stokes, Representative to the County Library Board and Ruth Kussard, Lady Lake Town Commission Liaison were also present.

The minutes of the December meeting were accepted.

Report by Chair: Marilynn Nesbitt introduced Whitney Vacha-Stokes who was approved at the last Lady Lake commission meeting to take the place of Linda Pullen on the Library Board. Linda Pullen had moved out of the district and the vacancy needed to be filled. Marilynn mentioned that Whitney made an excellent presentation to the Commissioners stating why she wanted to be on the Library Board.

Report by Town Commission Liaison, Ruth Kussard: There was no report.

Report by Lake County Library Advisory Board Representative: There was no meeting in December. Bill Stokes stated that there would be a report beginning next month.

Report by Library Director, Marilynn Nesbitt:

During the months of February, March and April the AARP tax-aide group will be using the new library meeting rooms for their tax services. During that time the Library Board will meet in room 152 downstairs.

Festival of Reading Program – The 2012 Festival of Reading Program will be held March 26th-31st. It has been decided that the youth will not do a “play” at this time. The play will be done during the Summer Reading Program instead.

Lady Lake Local Authors Program will be April 18th. Marilynn received over 60 E-Mails and many phone calls about the program. Participants were selected on a first come, first served basis. The participants were limited to 30 authors with 10 on a waiting list. They are writers of all different genres. Some are seasonal residents and some are e-book writers. They are all authors writing for adults. This event will give people an opportunity to talk with individual authors and see what they have written. Some books will be for sale. Marilynn passed around an example of a brochure and advertising of a similar event that Leesburg did last October. The County Library System will help with the advertising and by providing information on the system web site for this event being held at the Lady Lake Library.

Marilynn plans to have a Children and Young Adult’s Author Program in June. It would be similar to the April authors’ program event, but focus on authors who write for children and youth.

Recently we have seen an increase in circulation - especially e-books. There is also an increase in the number of library cards for people not in Lake County because of the availability of e-books at our Lady Lake Library. The computers are in high demand and the 2nd floor meeting rooms are continually rented.

Most of the libraries in Lake County have cut their hours and budgets. We are very fortunate that our Lady Lake Library has been frugal in its spending, so cuts of any kind are not currently an option.

We have a reciprocal agreement with Marion County, but not Sumter. Lake County libraries voted not to include Sumter County.

The Book Sale Room is making about \$1000 a month. This money goes toward the funding of the programs and some services of the Library.

The next event at the Lady Lake Library will be an Antique Appraisal Afternoon on Sunday, February 19th, 2012 from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. There are 9 appraisers scheduled so far, but they could use more. Six volunteers are needed to help with the crowds.

Old Business – Lily Klot brought up the subject of the DVD collection and how it is acquired. During the discussion Marilyn noted that one new film festival film was ordered each month as well as 7-9 “leased” movies. Many of the Lady Lake Library DVDs are instructional or informational. The main focus is our library will not carry a large amount of DVDs so there is no competition with DVD rental places and as Marilyn stated, “the library needs to stay an educational institution.” Any donated videos are put in the book sale room as the library is moving toward getting rid of its old video collection.

New Business – No new business

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 P.M

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Underhill, Lady Lake Library Board Secretary