

LADY LAKE LIBRARY BOARD
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
of
April 12, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Page at 4:01P.M.

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

Approval of Minutes: The January minutes were accepted.

Report by Chair: James Page shared some articles from a March 18th newspaper about doing research in the library. He mentioned that he would not be at the next meeting in May due to neck surgery on May 5th.

Report by Town Commission Liaison, Ruth Kussard: Ruth and Bill Stokes attended the Festival of Reading on March 30th at the Lady Lake Library. The Town Commission turned down a grant for a Safety Town on the area near the Lady Lake Community Building and playground. There would be an added cost for the town as well as lack of space and storage of Safety Town equipment.

Report by Lake County Library Advisory Board Representative: There was no meeting in February or March. Bill Stokes read a letter reporting on a County-level meeting at Leesburg Public Library on January 19th that he, Marilynn, Lady Lake Library Director, and Board member Whitney Stokes attended. He would have read this letter at the last Lake County Library Advisory Board meeting, but it was canceled. He plans to read it at the next Lake County Library Advisory Board meeting. The letter highlighted the following items:

- There has been no action to change the library funds derived from impact fees because the emphasis has been on road improvements and public transportation issues. A renewal of the impact fee policy will be done within several months.
- The issue of behavior and etiquette in all age groups and how to supervise unattended children
- The future of libraries – What should be their focus?

Report by Library Director, Marilynn Nesbitt:

Marilynn handed out a Lady Lake Library Statistics report for the periods of October through March 2009/2010, 2010/2011 and 2011/2012. The paper compared the Number of Patrons, the Door Count, The Library Collection and the Number of Items Checked Out. The report showed a substantial increase in all areas. There were also many more groups using the meeting rooms in the new building as well as the meeting rooms in the old building and the Community Building. We continue to see an increase in the number of e-books checked out. 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. Recently Sumter County has made e-books available to their patrons so this type of circulation increase may change in the future.

The positions of four members of the Lady Lake County Library Board are up for renewal at the next Town Commission meeting. These members are Rev. Paul Harsh, Jean Ganske, Dorothy Grubb and James

Page. Marilyn mentioned that there was another candidate who had applied to be on the Library Board. There was a concern that the Lady Lake Town Commission may not realize that four of the applicants were already on the Lady Lake Library Board. It was also felt that any new candidate for the Lady Lake Library Board should come before the Board to learn about the workings of the board and to talk about their desires to be on this particular Library Board. A motion was made by Whitney Stokes that Marilyn take the following motion to read at the Open Forum of the Town Commission. The motion was seconded by Jean Ganske and was passed by the Library Board. It was also suggested that the names on the voting ballot at the Town Commission meeting should be highlighted as present Lady Lake Library Board members. The following is the motion that the Board recommended that Marilyn take to the Open Forum.

“Candidates wishing to be a Lady Lake Library Board member must appear before the Lady Lake Library Board before the position goes for a vote by the Lady Lake Town Commission. This process allows candidates to become familiar with the working of the Lady Lake Library Board and gives them an opportunity to state their desire and qualifications for the position. The Lady Lake Library Board would then provide recommendations to the Lady Lake Town Commission.”

Marilynn Nesbitt will e-mail us concerning the outcome of the vote at the Lady Lake Town Commission meeting and if the above motion needed to be read. Board members were encouraged to attend the meeting and voice their opinions.

Lady Lake Local Authors Program will be April 18th. We are all encouraged to attend.

Old Business – No old business

New Business – No new business

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 P.M

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Underhill, Lady Lake Library Board Secretary