

**MINUTES OF THE
TOWN OF LADY LAKE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE LADY LAKE LIBRARY BOARD
LADY LAKE, FLORIDA**

**February 13, 2014
4:00 p.m.**

The Lady Lake Library Board Meeting was held in the Town Hall Commission Chambers at 409 Fennell Blvd., Lady Lake, Florida. The meeting convened at 4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson/Member Dr. Paul Harsh, Vice Chairperson/Member James Page, Member Dorothy Grubb, Member Linda Underhill, Member Kimberly Strickland, Member Dr. Lily Kliot, and Member Jean Ganske

TOWN STAFF PRESENT: Beth Maciejewski, Library Director; Kris Kollgaard, Town Manager; and Julia Wolfe, Staff Assistant to Town Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor/Commissioner Ruth Kussard

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Dr. Paul Harsh called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

OPEN FORUM: There were no comments from the audience.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 9, 2014

Member Strickland stated she would like to have something more specific written down on page 1, lines 43 and 44, where it states she asked for an explanation of the increase in some of the expenditures. She stated she would like to include that she asked about a \$7,000.00 increase in telephone and cell expenditures.

Chairperson Harsh replied the meetings are recorded, and there will be times when the Board will want more explanation than the written notes. He asked if it would be appropriate to get a CD.

Kris Kollgaard, Town Manager, stated the minutes are not verbatim and that is one thing the Town's Attorney advises. She stated it is recommended that you not do verbatim minutes because they are very difficult to do and hard to follow. She stated motions are the only items that must be included in the minutes, legally.

Chairperson Harsh asked what the charge is for a CD.

Ms. Kollgaard replied there is no charge for Board members.

Member Strickland stated a member of the community would just look at the minutes for highlights, not listen to the full 60 minutes.

Ms. Kollgaard stated the public is welcome to come in and listen to the minutes at no charge.

Member Strickland stated that a Board member should be able to request that an item in the minutes be specific occasionally.

Chairperson Harsh stated he remembers the specifics and that it was the focal point of the discussion. He stated if the majority of the Board wants that, there may be a more efficient way to do it, and he reminded the Board that CD's are available.

Ms. Kollgaard stated any changes the Board wants can be made, but it has to be by the majority of the Board.

Member Kliot stated that there are typographical errors in the minutes to be corrected: 1) on page 1, line 36, where it states 25% "off", it should read 25% "of"; and 2) on page 3, line 17, where it states "perimeter", it should read "parameters".

Member Strickland stated there is an error on page 4, line 41, where it stated she was referencing something "*Ms. Kollgaard*" said when it was actually something Chairperson Harsh had said.

Ms. Kollgaard stated staff can go back and listen to it, but if you accidently said Ms. Kollgaard, that is how it must stay.

Chairperson Harsh stated the Board had a good discussion and he was not sure whether he or Ms. Kollgaard initiated it.

Member Strickland stated it was something she had referenced that Dr. Harsh had said at a previous meeting.

Upon a motion by James Page, with a second by Dorothy Grubb, the Lady Lake Library Board approved the minutes of the January 9, 2014 meeting with the corrections as noted, by a vote of 7 to 0.

REPORT BY CHAIR: No Report.

REPORT BY TOWN COMMISSION LIAISON: No Report.

REPORT BY LAKE COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE: No Report.

REPORT BY LIBRARY DIRECTOR:

Library Director Beth Maciejewski stated the AARP Tax Aide services started on February 1st and will run every Tuesday and Thursday through April 17th, from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. She stated the Holocaust Program on January 27th was very well attended. She stated it was front page news in the Daily Commercial and was also mentioned in the Lake Sentinel. She also stated a picture of the library and information about the Town of Lady Lake was featured in the new Style Magazine. Ms. Maciejewski stated they will have a Book Fest the week of March 10th through the 14th. She stated they will have Dr. James Clark who will be talking about legendary writers in Florida on Wednesday, and a panel of mystery writers talking about character development on Friday.

Chairperson Harsh asked if there is a group of science fiction writers in The Villages.

Ms. Maciejewski replied she knows there is a writers group in The Villages, but she is not sure if there is a specific science fiction group.

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Vice Chairperson Page stated he is a member of a Florida writers group that meets in the children's section of the library once a month on Thursday from 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. He stated it is a writers helping writers group.

Chairperson Harsh stated it was great to have those articles in the magazine. He stated he thinks the history of the Lady Lake Library is incredibly interesting, and asked if anyone has written a precise one page or half page history of where we were and where we are now.

Ms. Maciejewski stated there is the Story of Lady Lake put out by the Historical Society which gives a lot of history of Lady Lake that can be purchased for \$20.00 from the Historical Society or the Library.

Chairperson Harsh stated it might be something to hand out to the magazine as something to add when they have open space.

Ms. Maciejewski stated there are pictures of the Lady Lake Library showing the progression and changes through the years in the newest edition of the Style Magazine.

Member Kliot stated she recalls that Marilyn Nesbitt reported on the Library's history at the opening of the new facility, but was unsure if it was recorded.

Member Ganske stated she has a tape of it.

Mayor/Commissioner Kussard stated she did watch the tape, and it is about the history of Lady Lake and how it evolved.

Ms. Maciejewski stated there is a DVD called the Story of Lady Lake with Lee King that the Friends of Lady Lake Library has on sale in the book sale room.

Ms. Kollgaard stated that Earl Rowlette did a nice summary and she can pull that information and bring it to the next meeting.

Chairperson Harsh stated if they think it would be of value, he would volunteer to do a one page summary to have to get it out there if the magazine or papers needed a fill-in piece.

Member Kliot stated she thinks it would be good to have as an elevator speech.

Member Strickland stated she is anxious to see the video, and perhaps it could be edited a little shorter to a level where the Scouts, church group, or schools might be interested in seeing it. She stated the train is a real draw and this was commented on by other board members. Ms. Strickland also stated she received a notice that her library card was expiring and was surprised that they expire. She asked what the parameters are.

Ms. Maciejewski replied that library cards expire every three years for residents and once a year for non-residents. She stated if you come in a lot and use the card, Library staff is most likely renewing it before it is noticed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Member Kliot stated she has brought up a couple of times previously that the Board needs to have some kind of relationship with the Friends of the Library, whether it is a representative from the

Library Board to them and/or them to the Library Board. She stated she was unsure whether the Board has a mechanism to do it, and when she talked with the President of the Friends a couple of times, she said the same thing. Ms. Kliot stated she did not know what they are supposed to do when a Board member comes up with a notion.

Chairperson Harsh stated he remembers having this discussion way back, even recommending that someone from the Friends attend the meeting. He stated it may have happened before, and agrees it would be great for continuity's sake. He also stated that sometimes the Board actually comes up with good ideas that is beyond their parameter, but it is right for them. Dr. Harsh stated that recommendation is what the Board is here for, and it would be nice to encourage the Friends to attend.

Ms. Kollgaard stated she believed the Library Director was the liaison between the Library Board and the Friends of the Library, and asked for confirmation.

Ms. Maciejewski stated she attends the Friends' meetings and suggests things the Library may need, and then they make the decision. She asked the Board to remember that the Friends make their choices and the Board cannot tell them what to spend their money on. She stated requests have to be made carefully so as to not annoy them. She stated she would not want the Board to come to the meeting and make them feel like they need to do something, because the Library Board actually represents the Town.

Member Kliot asked if the Board has to count on Ms. Maciejewski or one of her staff to think the Library Board's notions are brilliant and translate it, or do they need to have a motion. She stated she does not know the mechanism of how the Board should do it.

Ms. Kollgaard stated this is the forum for the Board to discuss ideas and the Library Director is present. She stated if the Board has a consensus to ask the Friends of the Library for something that is needed and the Library Director does not see a problem with it, she can make a suggestion to the Friends of the Library.

After further discussion regarding the Friends of the Library, and upon a motion by Kimberly Strickland, with a second by Jean Ganske, the Board voted to invite the Friends of the Library to a meeting, by a vote of 7-0.

There was further discussion regarding attending the Friends of the Library meetings, and vice versa, and it was agreed it should be by invitation. Dr. Harsh asked that Ms. Maciejewski invite the Friends of the Library to attend the next Library Board meeting.

Ms. Kollgaard stated that Board members can individually attend the Friends of the Library open meetings as a private citizen, but they should not make suggestions as representing the Library Board.

Chairperson Harsh stated he brought up at the last meeting his desire to open the meeting the same way the Town Commission does with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer. He stated the Pledge was not a problem, but the prayer was a concern and it was tabled until there was a full Board, which they have today. He stated his recommendation is to follow the same pattern as the Town Commission because it has been legally tested.

Vice Chairperson Page stated they are just bringing the matter back for discussion

Member Kliot stated she thinks a prayer is fine, but she thinks it has to be recognized that we do not all believe in the same higher power. She stated she has been to volunteer dinners in the Town frequently and there is always a very nice invocation followed by the name of a particular religious figure. She stated the prayer is fine, but thinks it just has to be respectful of everyone's beliefs.

Chairperson Harsh stated that what he means by following the same pattern as the Town is that the Town will invite someone to give the invocation and will choose from the various religious backgrounds. He stated it cannot legally demean or proselyte any religion. He stated the Town and their attorney has been incredibly consistent in complying there, and he thinks it is appropriate and should be done. Dr. Harsh stated he is talking about asking someone to come in to give the invocation, not someone from the Board.

Member Strickland asked what the official ruling is, because there was supposed to be a separation of Church and State; she asked what the current legality of this is.

Chairperson Harsh stated that what they are talking about is legally defensible because they are talking about the same thing the Town does. He stated about two years ago, he made a presentation to the Town Commission about the history of it, and the reality is that statement is not in the Constitution, not even close

Vice Chairperson Page asked for clarification on who would select the speaker.

Chairperson Harsh replied the Town does.

Ms. Kollgaard stated the Town Clerk's office has a list of clergy that is open to every religion and the Clerk's office tries to vary the invitation to all the different religions.

Chairperson Harsh commented it is clearly not an endorsement of any particular religious direction.

Member Strickland asked what the official motion was again.

Chairperson Harsh stated the motion is to open each meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer. He asked for a new motion.

Upon a motion by James Page, and a second by Dorothy Grubb, the Board voted to open the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer, by a vote of 7-0.

Member Strickland stated there was discussion at the last meeting about the Lake County Library Advisory Board representative position, and she had indicated some interest in that position. She stated that since then, she has found that their meeting times conflicts with some personal appointments. Ms. Strickland stated she is still interested, but if there is another strong candidate, she wanted to make sure everyone knows not to be looking for her application right now.

Chairperson Harsh stated he noticed we do not have a liaison, and asked has anyone come up.

Ms. Kollgaard stated she was notified there was an application, and she needs to check with the Clerk's office to see if it has been received yet.

Chairperson Harsh asked if the Board has any involvement in that process or is it strictly the Town Commission.

Ms. Kollgaard stated if the Board wishes, they can review any application and make a recommendation, but the final decision is up to the Town Commission.

Member Ganske asked if Ms. Kollgaard could give them a name.

Ms. Kollgaard stated someone had emailed that they were interested, but she has not received the application yet and she cannot remember the name.

Member Kliot stated she is confused because she thought they were trying to reduce the size of the Board through attrition.

Chairperson Harsh stated the liaison is not technically a member of the Board, but is a conduit that information flows from one Board to the next.

Member Ganske stated they have one more Board member than they really want anyway, so that will work out really well if one person wants to be on the other Board. She asked if it is a member of this Board.

Vice Chairperson Page stated there are actually two liaisons; a primary and an alternate member. He stated he is the alternate member and the acting primary at this time.

Member Strickland asked if she could apply to be the alternate member.

Ms. Kollgaard replied that Mr. Page wants to stay the alternate. She stated this should go to the March Commission meeting.

Chairperson Harsh asked if Ms. Kollgaard could make a copy if she happens to get an application and notify the Board. He stated it is purely curiosity as far as he is concerned.

Ms. Kollgaard stated the application is public record once it is received by the Town.

NEW BUSINESS:

Member Strickland stated she was really excited about all the articles and was going to look for the Style magazine. She distributed an article from the Daily Sun about the Mt. Dora Library Association hosting Micky Dolenz, lead singer of the Monkees.

Chairperson Harsh asked what the date for the event was.

Member Strickland replied she thinks it is March 1st.

With no further business or discussion, and upon a motion by James Page, the Lady Lake Library Board meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Julia Wolfe
Staff Assistant to Town Clerk

Dr. Paul Harsh, Chairperson