

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

**March 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:** Vice Chairperson/Member James Page, Member Dorothy Grubb, Member Linda Underhill, Member Kimberly Strickland, Member Dr. Lily Kliot, and Member Jean Ganske

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Chairperson/Member Dr. Paul Harsh

**TOWN STAFF PRESENT:** Beth Maciejewski, Library Director; Kris Kollgaard, Town Manager; and Nancy Slaton, Deputy Town Clerk

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mayor/Commissioner Ruth Kussard

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chairperson James Page called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION:** Reverend Tom Ash, New Song Community Church

**OPEN FORUM:**

Town Manager Kris Kollgaard stated that as was discussed at the last meeting, she found some items regarding the history of Lady Lake by Earl Rowlette along with another item she thought the Board may find of interest. She passed out the copies to the Board members.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 13, 2014**

*Upon a motion by Member Strickland, with a second by Member Grubb, the Lady Lake Library Board approved the minutes of the February 13, 2014 meeting as presented, by a vote of 6 to 0.*

**REPORT BY CHAIR:** No report.

**REPORT BY TOWN COMMISSION LIAISON:**

Mayor Ruth Kussard reported that the Scam Jam Shred-A-Thon is being hosted at the Target store parking lot this Saturday, March 15, 2014 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and involves the Town of Lady Lake Police Department, the three surrounding area Sheriff's offices (Lake, Sumter & Marion), and Seniors Against Crime. She stated there will be a shredder truck there and it is an opportunity to have documents shredded and to get information on how to protect identity and personal financial information from being compromised.

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Mayor Kussard reported that the Lady Lake Historical Society is holding their annual rummage sale on March 22, 2014 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in front of the museum. She also reported that Lady Lake is hosting its annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Guava Street Baseball Complex on Saturday, April 12, 2014 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Member Kimberly Strickland commented that Fruitland Park city leaders pitched in for a Fruitland Park clean up day recently and she thought it was a good team building experience.

**REPORT BY LAKE COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:** No report.

**REPORT BY LIBRARY DIRECTOR:**

Library Director Beth Maciejewski reported that the Bookfest is currently going on at the library. She reported that author Dr. James Clark spoke yesterday regarding Florida authors such as Marjorie Kinnan-Rawlins and Patrick Smith. She stated there will be a panel of authors attending on Friday at 10 a.m. to approximately 11:30 a.m. and invited the Board members to attend. Ms. Maciejewski stated that Barbara Morris, previous director of the Leesburg library, will be on the panel to field questions. She stated AARP Tax Relief, SHINE and Drivers Safety are still on-going programs. Ms. Maciejewski reported that the program where children are reading with the dog, Yaz, on Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m. has garnered a few more children.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- History of Lady Lake - Vice Chairperson Page advised that this was reviewed earlier. He asked if there were any other old business.

Member Dr. Lily Kliot asked if the Library Director had asked the Friends of the Library if they wanted to send a member representative to the Library Board meetings, and if a Library Board member could attend their meetings.

Ms. Maciejewski replied that she attended the Friends of the Library meeting last Thursday and asked them about it, and they stated they would consider sending someone to these meetings, but were not encouraging about a member of the Library Board attending their meetings. She stated she made it clear that the Library Board meetings are open at any time.

Member Dr. Kliot mentioned she heard there was a Friends of the Library book sale going on.

Ms. Maciejewski confirmed that it is going on through March 31, 2014 and most books are 50 cents and 25 cents for paperbacks. She stated there are a lot of good bargains, even on newer books for \$2.50.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Vice Chairperson Page stated there is an application before them from Frank Kirschenheiter for the position of liaison to the Lake County Library Board. He was asked if he had any questions or comments for the Board.

Mr. Frank Kirschenheiter introduced himself and gave a brief summary of his background; stating he and his wife moved here from Illinois last year. He stated he has a computer and networking business and that he has worked with and used libraries extensively throughout his life. He stated

he would welcome the opportunity to become more involved in the community in which he expects to live out the rest of his life. Mr. Kirschenheiter stated he is a very technical person.

Member Strickland asked if Mr. Kirschenheiter enjoyed reading E-books or paper books.

Mr. Kirschenheiter stated he still likes to read paper books, although his wife has a Kindle.

Member Linda Underhill asked Mr. Kirschenheiter if he understood the responsibilities of the liaison position.

Mr. Kirschenheiter stated he was unsure of the responsibilities.

Ms. Kollgaard explained that Lake County has a library advisory board and each city has a member who is a liaison. She stated the liaison's responsibilities are to attend the Lake County meeting and then report back to the Lady Lake Library Board, and if any decisions or input on an item is needed, then report that back to Lake County.

Vice Chairperson Page stated that he served as liaison for eight years and there have been many changes over the years. He stated that the liaison will represent the Lady Lake Library Board, not himself, and any questions or decisions on items must be brought back to the Board for its answers or decisions. He stated this Board meets every second Thursday of the month. Mr. Page also stated that the Library Director attends the Lake County Library Board meetings when she can, as well. He stated it might be a good idea for Mr. Kirschenheiter to attend the next meeting with the Library Director next week.

Ms. Maciejewski stated the Lake County Library Board meeting is next Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

Ms. Kollgaard reported that the appointment of the liaison to the Lady Lake Library Board will go before the Town Commission at its meeting on April 7, 2014.

Member Strickland asked if the Commission voted on the liaison position, or if the Library Board makes the decision.

Ms. Kollgaard stated it has been brought to the Library Board for their recommendation, but the final decision is up to the Town Commission.

Member Strickland commented that she likes that Mr. Kirschenheiter has a technical background.

Member Dr. Kliot asked if Mr. Kirschenheiter has served on any boards in the past.

Mr. Kirschenheiter replied that he had not, but feels it is important to be involved in the community.

Member Underhill asked if Mr. Kirschenheiter will have the time to be involved since he has a business.

Mr. Kirschenheiter stated he has an associate and allocates his own time.

Vice Chairperson Page asked that the applicant leave the room so his application could be discussed.

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Ms. Kollgaard explained that Mr. Page cannot ask the applicant to leave the room as this is an open public meeting and it would violate the Sunshine Law. She stated he can choose to leave, but cannot be asked to leave.

Mr. Kirschenheiter's application was discussed, with Member Grubb stating there is only one applicant, but he appears to be a good one.

Member Strickland commented that it is good he has a technology background and is willing to be involved.

Member Underhill agreed and stated he is willing to learn.

Member Ganske stated she does not feel the applicant's technology background is an advantage.

After further discussion, the Board members voted all in favor of recommending that Mr. Kirschenheiter be appointed as Lady Lake Library Board Liaison to the Lake County Library Board.

Mayor Kussard commented on Member Strickland's earlier report of the Fruitland Park clean-up efforts. She stated that the Town of Lady Lake's Public Works Department periodically goes throughout the town to pick up trash, and keeps the town looking beautiful.

- Proclamation for National Library Week - April 14-20, 2014

Town Manager Kris Kollgaard announced that National Library Week is April 14-20, 2014 and a proclamation will be presented to the Library Director at the April 7, 2014 Town Commission meeting.

Member Dr. Kliot asked if there were any special activities going on for National Library Week.

Ms. Maciejewski replied there was not, although the Bookfest is currently going on.

***With no further business or discussion, the Lady Lake Library Board meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.***

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Julia Wolfe  
Staff Assistant to Town Clerk

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Dr. Paul Harsh, Chairperson

Minutes transcribed by Nancy Slaton, Deputy Town Clerk