

Minutes – Melbourne Library Board

September 21, 2021

Present

- Nancy Dillen, Chairperson
- Judy Davis, Vice Chairperson
- Diane Bryant, Member
- Janet Kull, Member
- John Greaves, Member
- Jenny Morrison, Library Director, Eau Gallie Public Library
- Irma Fordham, Library Director, Melbourne, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Marcy Shaw, Recording Secretary

Absent

None

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 P.M., by Nancy Dillen, Chairperson.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved with the following corrections. Change Nancy's title from vice-chairperson to chairperson. Correct spelling of Janet's last name.

Public Comments

Kevin McKeown, City Clerk, City of Melbourne, invited the board to their Annual Volunteer Board Reception to be held on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 5:30 P.M. It will be held at the American Muscle Car Museum. This year Kevin has asked for R.S.V.P.s. Please send your R.S.V.P. to the City Clerk's Office (321) 608-7220 or city.clerk@mlbfl.org.

Board member, Diane Bryant, will be honored for her 10 years of volunteering.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

John Greaves brought up two proposals for the board to consider.

The first proposal. The idea of charging for parking at the library to help the library generate more revenue.

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The board does not want to charge for parking so the idea did not go any further.

The second proposal to help generate revenue was to add a second floor to the building for a restaurant. Nancy suggested even adding an additional floor for an art center.

A motion was made for the board to draft a letter proposing the addition of one or two floors to the existing building. This letter will be drafted at the next meeting in November to be sent to Wendi Jo Bost.

Directors' Report

Eau Gallie Library

Jenny re-introduced Lauren Biller, the new Reference Supervisor. Lauren will be in charge of the building after Jenny's retirement if a new director has not been selected.

E.G.P.L. is doing a lot of hiring. We have a new staff member in Circulation, Bonnie Crawford. Bonnie is replacing Katharine Argall who is now in a hybrid position (Reference and Y.S.).

We have identified a candidate for Linda Cruey's position (part-time). Jenny is unable to hire her until the new salary increases are put into the system.

Patrick Maier, who worked in the Reference area, accepted a position at the C.S. Rood Central Library as head of their Reference Department. It is a promotion for Patrick.

Our air handler, which has been an ongoing issue, has been pushed out until next year.

Although the budget for F.Y. 21-22 has not been approved yet, Jenny said looking at the it she thinks there will be enough money to paint the interior of the library.

Programs: Hispanic Heritage Month is something new the libraries are celebrating and E.G.P.L. picked Bolivia as their country to highlight.

The library has two programs planned: A Latin inspired ukulele program on October 16, 2021 from 10-11 A.M. And a weaving presentation by the Space Coast Weavers Guild on October 2, 2021 from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Jenny thanked the board for all the support and help they have given to her and the library over the past 12 years. She said it has been a pleasure to work with the board.

Melbourne Public Library

Irma said the Melbourne Library is also doing a lot of hiring as they 5 open positions.

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Irma has filled 2 of the 5 open positions. In Circulation Marjan Khajehzadeh was promoted to Library Assistant 3. She started in Circulation then moved to Y.S. and is our Circulation Supervisor.

Marjan's open position has been filled with another staff member, Carol Hebert who is going from part-time to full-time. Her new position is a hybrid position split between Reference and Y.S.

We are continuing to interview for the other 3 open positions.

Programs: We have a new program called Sunday Cinema. We will feature a family friendly movie at 1:30 P.M. every Sunday from this past Sunday until the end of December 2021. We will offer free popcorn and water.

To celebrate Banned Books week, we are having a Literary Trivia program on Wednesday 9/29/21 from 6:00-8:00 P.M.

We are scheduled to get new bathrooms next F.Y.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Public Library

One of the library's Friends has created a Readbox. A Readbox is similar to a Redbox movie rental but is loaded with articles and book titles on specific topics. Content is accessed through a Q.R. code downloaded to a phone, table or laptop. It is meant to increase interest in reading and learning.

Other Business

Janet said the Foosner Museum is closed now; however, the Junior League of Women will hold their Christmas Tree Festival on December 4th. It will be the last program for the museum.

Announcements

None

Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

Next Library Board meeting will be on Tuesday November 16, 2021 at 3:00 P.M. at the Martin Luther King Public Library and the County Library Board on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 4:30 P.M. at the Eau Gallie Public Library.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

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s/Nancy Dillen
Board Chairperson

s/Marcy Shaw
Recording Secretary