

BREVARD COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 19, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT

Pete Poole, District I

Tom McGill, District II - Absent

Dr. Rochelle Kenyon, District IV – Chair

Mark Broms, District V

OTHERS PRESENT

Wendi Jo Bost, Library Services Director

Mauri Baumann, Melbourne Library Director

Michelle Hutto, Library Staff

Dan Dunham, Library Staff

Sarah Bell, Library Staff

Ingrid Beres, Friends of West Melbourne Library

Karen DiNatale, Administrative Assistant

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am, by the Chair, Dr. Kenyon.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Poole, seconded by Mr. Broms, to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2022 Board Meeting. *Motion unanimously carried.*

Correspondence

None.

Library Services Director's Report

Ms. Bost welcomed everyone to the West Melbourne Public Library.

Monthly statistics went up. We had 19% increase in door count and 7% increase in circulation for the month of April.

Working on next year's budget. We have a budget for \$30,000,000 for fiscal year 2022-2023. Of that amount, \$10,000,000 is balance forward. The reason for the large amount of balance forward is due to facility projects not being able to be accomplished this year due to materials backlog and limited workforce.

We have purchased Beanstack which is a digital way for patrons to track books or minutes to connect with the library's Summer Reading Program. Our newest hire is Mary Beaumont, our new Youth Coordinator, comes to us from California as an accomplished librarian. She is heading up our implementation of Beanstack for youth, their parents and adults.

Our Central Library Director, Wanda Brown, is moving to Titusville Library to replace Mary Toupin as Ms. Toupin is retiring.

We hired Julie Ventura to be the new director at Central Library starting June 6, 2022. She has a wealth of experience and will be an asset to Library Services.

Mr. Broms asked about programs for youth. Asked if we are going to go back to pre-Covid in-house programming. Ms. Bost responded we are doing programming in-house at all our locations.

Dr. Kenyon asked what are the procedures to hire a volunteer. Ms. Bost responded they have to fill out a Brave application and we do background checks which includes fingerprinting.

President of the Friends of West Melbourne Library stated they offer scholarships to High School seniors who volunteer at the library for at least six months.

Personal Appearances

None.

Unfinished Business

Ms. Broms requested the Policies and Procedures get spaced out a bit for the next renewals. Felt a bit rushed this time around. Ms. Bost acknowledge his request.

New Business

Mauri Baumann, Director of West Melbourne Library, welcomed everyone to the library. The library has been doing well. Our attendance and circulation are up. New flooring has been added to the Library. Introduced Ingrid Beres from Friends of the Library. Very appreciative of all the help and donations made from the Friends group. Dr. Kenyon questioned Ms. Beres to see if they're in contact with other Friends groups. Ms. Beres replied no, but would like the opportunity to connect to other Friends group. Ms. Bost will look into getting a list compiled of all the Friends groups. Mauri introduced Michelle Hutto, Dan Dunham and Sarah Bell from Youth Services and Reference for the West Melbourne Library. They reported there has been an increase in attendance this past year with take home crafts and story time. Excited for the Summer Reading Program as they have many activities planned.

Ms. Bost stated that the Commission has reduced the number of meetings Advisory Boards are to have in a year and they are also requiring an annual report to be completed yearly. We will be limiting our meetings to four meetings per year. We are consolidating our Library Boards from individual libraries to a North Advisory Board and a South/Central Library Advisory Board. The North Advisory Board will consist of Mims/Scottsmoor, Port St. John and Catherine Schweinsberg Rood Central Library. The South/Central Library Advisory Board will consist of Suntree/Viera, West Melbourne, Melbourne Beach, and South Mainland Library. This Library Advisory Board stays intact. This consolidation is being implemented as a cost saving measure.

Comments by Public/Friends

A member of the public spoke to the Board regarding consolidating the Boards. He questioned whether it was due to budget cuts. Ms. Bost stated it was not due to budget cuts.

Comments by County Library Board Members

Mr. Broms questioned with only one meeting left for the year what is the date we're looking to meet. A motion was made by Mr. Poole to eliminate the July and November meetings on the schedule and have the Advisory Board Meeting set for September 15, 2022 at the Titusville Public Library at 10:00 am., seconded by Mr. Broms. ***Motion unanimously carried.***

Dr. Kenyon thanked the staff at West Melbourne Library. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 am

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Broms', written over a horizontal line.

Mark Broms, Secretary

Approved by the Library Advisory Board on September 15, 2022.