

TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD
JOHN F. GERMANY PUBLIC LIBRARY
AUGUST 27, 2009

Board Members Present: William Scheuerle (Chair), Jim Johnson (Vice-Chair), Bob Argus, James Martin, Kay O'Rourke, Alma Hires, Laura Vickers, Catherine Cottle. Patricia McClure and Jim Harkins were excused.

Staff Present: Joe Stines, Director; Suzanne George, Manager, Library Facilities Planning & Design; Linda Gillon, Manager, Programming & User Services; Lisa Wagner, Coordinator, Administrative Services & Grants; Aracelis Putnam, Administrative Specialist; Andrew Breidenbaugh, Chief Librarian; Margaret Rials, Friends Coordinator.

Guest: Ricardo Cox, Assistant County Attorney.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

Minutes from the July 23, 2009 Library Board meeting were approved.

There were no presentations from the public.

The following volunteers were recognized with a certificate for their many hours of service to the Library:

John F. Germany Library

Raymond Bates

Charles Lang

Jan Platt Regional Library

Selma Chew

Seminole Heights Branch Library

Hodan Farah

Christopher Rosbough has resigned from the Library Board effective immediately in order to pursue a Ph.D. at Florida State University. The Board of County Commissioners will advertise and appoint a replacement in the coming months for this and one other Library Board vacancy.

Dr. Scheuerle announced a tentative roster of Library Board committee assignments.

Committee Reports

Budget Committee

An outline of revised library hours was presented for approval. There was no change in the total number of hours previously approved by the Library Board in July 2009. The Library Board voted 7 to 1 to approve the revised list of library hours. (Ms. Cottle opposed.)

The Budget Committee brought forth a recommendation concerning “generic” business cards for Library Board members. The majority of the Library Board voted 7 to 1 to order one box of standard business cards at a cost of \$25 to \$26 per box to be shared amongst all Library Board members. (Mrs. O’Rourke opposed.) Library staff will provide a proof of the card layout for approval at the next meeting.

A revised report of the library’s Fiscal 2009 Budget as of July 31, 2009 was distributed. Ms. Herold explained that a clarification had been made to a footnote on the report following the Budget Committee’s discussion on August 17, 2009.

The next meeting of the Budget Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, 2009, 3:00 p.m. at John F. Germany Public Library.

Planning Committee

The capital projects criteria worksheet has been turned over to the Policy & Bylaws Committee for review and development of related policies and procedures.

An update was provided concerning library projects. The Library is tentatively set to begin providing service in the Sulphur Springs community around February 2010. The grand opening ceremony of the newly reconstructed North Tampa Library is scheduled to take place on September 18, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

The next meeting of the Planning Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, 2009, 4:00 p.m. at John F. Germany Public Library.

Policy & Bylaws Committee

The Library Board considered the Policy & Bylaws Committee’s recommendation to accept changes to the interlocal agreement with Plant City and Temple Terrace (aka, the Hillsborough County Public Library Cooperative). Following review and discussion, the Library Board voted unanimously to accept the changes as recommended.

The next meeting of the Policy & Bylaws Committee is scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 2009, 3:00 p.m. at John F. Germany Public Library.

Unfinished Business—None.

New Business

Dr. Scheuerle requested the Library Board consider appointing an additional Library Board representative to serve on the Friends of the Library Council as he is currently an ex-officio as well as an at-large voting member of the Council. Library staff will seek a volunteer to be appointed by the Library Board.

Director's Report

Brandon Library has been temporarily closed for air conditioner repairs.

A committee of citizens has been assembled to explore public art for the SouthShore Library.

The Children's Board has approved a contribution to the Imagination Library within their budget that will allow the program to reopen registrations at some point.

Mr. Stines shared an article from the Tampa Tribune of 8/22/09 written by Dr. Scheuerle concerning the value of the study of humanities within culture. (William H. Scheuerle, Ph.D. is the soon-to-retire Director of the University of South Florida Humanities Institute.)

The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m.