

**SOUTH/CENTRAL BREVARD LIBRARY ADVISORY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 18, 2022**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Raymond Spencer, District III
Laura Petruska, District IV
Dr. Rochelle Kenyon, District IV
Leann Chaney, District IV
Jennifer Allgood, District IV
Paul Kolarik, District V

OTHERS PRESENT

Wendi Jo Bost, Library Services Director
Lori Alvord, Satellite Beach Library advocate
Laurie Heyes, Satellite Beach Library advocate
Shawn Middleton
Barbara McKinney, Administrative Assistant
Karen DiNatale, Administrative Assistant

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 am, by the Library Services director, Wendi Bost.

Approval of Minutes

No minutes. This is the first meeting.

Correspondence

None.

Library Services Director's Report

Ms. Bost welcomed everyone to the first South-Central Library Advisory Board meeting.

The libraries received kits from Emergency Operations Center on the weekend to hand out to people who were impacted by Hurricane Ian. By close of day Sunday most libraries were out of the kits.

Every year the libraries are required to submit a one-year plan of service for State Aid. This has been completed.

Last year we received an innovation Grant that allowed us to hire a community support advocate. This was a 1099 position. We hired Dr. Lisa Montgomery. She saw about 80 people a month at key libraries in the County. We have added this position to our staff make up and are currently in the process of hiring.

The Mobile library has been up and running. Instead of being a book mobile checking out materials, the mobile library is more of a tech library. Now patrons can register for library cards anywhere we have internet access. We teach a variety of classes and activities.

The Creative Lab received a grant from Northrup Grumman, CodeCraft Works and the CodeCraft Foundation to teach Cyber Security coding to middle and high school students. They placed in the top 3 in the state for their first competition.

For the 3rd Annual Library-Con, the Library is partnering with the Parks and Recreation Department this year. The event will be on November 13, 2022 at the Viera Regional Park from 12 pm to 4 pm.

On December 1, 2022 the CSR Central Library will host a 50 Year Library Anniversary Celebration from 3 pm to 5pm. A new gold card will be made available.

The 2022-2023 budget for the libraries passed. Many new benefits such as extended automatic renewals and an RFP will go out to harness new technology system that will allow users to use their smart phones to check out materials and pay library fines.

Personal Appearances

If you have visited a library, please send feedback about your experience.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

A motion was made by Ms. Allgood to approve the By-Laws of the South/Central Brevard Public Library Advisory Board, seconded by Dr. Kenyon. ***Motion unanimously carried.***

Election of Officers:

Dr. Rochelle nominated Ms. Petruska for Chairperson, seconded by Ms. Chaney. ***Motion unanimously carried.***

Ms. Petruska nominated Dr. Kenyon for Vice-Chairperson, seconded by Ms. Allgood. ***Motion unanimously carried.***

There were no nominations for Secretary so Ms. Bost chose to leave Ms. McKinney as the unofficial secretary.

Ms. Chaney motioned that the meetings be held on the third Thursday of the months of January, April, August and October at 1pm, seconded by Mr. Kolarik. ***Motion unanimously carried.***

This Board will be meeting four times a year. Ms. Chaney made a motion that the next 3 meetings for the fiscal year 2022-2023 will take place on January 19, April 20, and August 17, 2023 at 1:00pm, seconded by Mr. Kolarik. ***Motion unanimously carried.***

Comments by Public/Friends

A member of the public spoke to the Board regarding vacancies on the Boards. Ms. Bost stated that District 4 has no vacancies. New members will be recruited from District 3 and District 5. Another member of the public spoke of his appreciation of Libby. Ms. Bost also spoke of the Hoopla and Great Courses programs available to patrons.

Comments by County Library Board Members

Ms. Petruska asked why it takes so long to get a book from Libby. Ms. Bost explained about the cost of the eBooks from Libby, how the purchasing of extra additions is done by a ratio of patron holds per copy. Hoopla also has audiobooks and are much less expensive. Patrons can request books for these programs by telling a staff member.

Mr. Kolarik spoke of how free or discounted tickets to local attractions were available at the libraries he visited up North and would like to see the same program in our local libraries. Ms. Bost spoke of the State Park pass that was available for one week at a time for check out at the libraries this summer and she will be looking into other available opportunities in the future.

Ms. Petruska asked if there were any plans to use the existing land around the Suntree/Viera Library for expansion. Ms. Bost stated not at this time. As mentioned aside from the cost factor the needs of the county would need to be evaluated.

Ms. Petruska asked about the discontinuation of *Bookpage*, a magazine about new books that was being given away. A patron offered to pay for the subscription for the Suntree/Viera library but was told it would have to be all of the libraries or none of them. Why was the patron discouraged from this purchase? Ms. Bost did not know why. Discussion ensued.

Dr. Kenyon asked, if the citizens of Viera decided to build a private library could they do that? Ms. Bost advised that it would be better for any new libraries to be part of the system to share our resources.

Ms. Bost thanked everyone for taking time to attend this meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 11:11am.

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Barbara McKinney, Secretary