

**Satellite Beach Library Board Minutes**  
**January 12, 2016**  
**Satellite Beach Library**  
**751 Jamaica Boulevard, Satellite Beach, FL 32937**

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair, Dorothy Guinn followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present at the meeting were board members: Hope Ascher, Dorothy Guinn, Carol Late, Sharon Reynolds Mixon, Pat Patton, Carol Robitschek, Brenda Spletter and Lucia Watson. We also welcomed Polly Jordan, President of Satellite Beach Friends of the Library, Library Children's Director, Marlena Harold, and Jeff Thompson, Library Services Director for Brevard County.

2. Carol Robitschek moved that the minutes of the November 10, 2015 board meeting be approved. This was seconded by Hope Ascher and motion was approved. The 2016 dates of meetings for the Satellite Beach Library Board were distributed.

**3. Board Chair's Report**

Dorothy Guinn reviewed Chapter 286 of the Florida Statutes, the Sunshine Law in Florida. Copies had been given to board members at the November, 2015 meeting. The public has the right to access government meetings and records.

An article from the Wall Street Journal written by Steve Barker who is a librarian in the Washington D.C. area was discussed. His premise was that because of Google, the professional librarian has become less important. Library schools at some universities have been closed. It was decided that librarians are definitely needed but their roles may be changing. Hope Ascher mentioned that it is important to have a qualified librarian to keep creating good collections.

**4. Library Statistics**

Marlena Harold reported that attendance at the Satellite Beach library in December 2015 was lower than a year ago. However, patrons can borrow e books and this does not require a trip to the library.

**5. Friends of Satellite Beach Library Report**

Polly Jordan, President of Satellite Beach Friends of the Library reported that they have 15,000 books for sale at the yearly February Book Sale. The dates of the sale are: Wednesday, February 3 (members only) followed by a sale to the public from February 4 through February 6.

Additional tables are needed by January 29<sup>th</sup> for setting up all of these materials. The Satellite Beach Friends of the Library now have 501c status so donations to the library can be taken as tax deductible contributions. Polly thanked Dorothy Guinn for making this possible. \$595 was collected for the endowment for retiring director, Nancy Grout.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. Library Staffing**

Jeff Thompson, Brevard County Library Services Director reported that on Monday, January 18 the position for a new Director at Satellite Beach Library will be posted with two weeks for interested persons to apply. He updated us on recent replacements for Directors in the Brevard County library system. An interim director will be appointed at the Satellite Beach Library until a new director is hired. The library board will be invited to meet the 2 or 3 finalists and hopefully a new director will be hired by March.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Election of Officers for 2016**

The following members were voted in as officers for 2016.

Dorothy Guinn - Chair

Lucia Watson - Secretary

A Vice-Chair will be chosen at our meeting on March 8, 2016.

2. Plans were discussed for a celebration in April for Satellite Beach Library being 50 years old. A definite date was not chosen but the library board, Friends of the Library and Satellite Beach Women's Club will coordinate this celebration in April, 2016. Jeff Thompson, Brevard County Library Services Director will be a speaker and Marlina Harold will be involved with the children's department being part of the celebration. Carol Late and Hope Ascher volunteered to represent the board in coordinating the plans.

The next Satellite Beach Library Board Meeting is Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 6 p.m. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Lucia Watson

Secretary