

Satellite Beach Library Board Minutes
May 12, 2015
Satellite Beach Library
751 Jamaica Boulevard, Satellite Beach, FL 32937

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: Dorothy Guinn, Sharon Reynolds-Mixon, Pat Patton, Carol Robitschek, Brenda Spletter, Barbara Stasko, Lucia Watson and Library Director Nancy Grout. Hope Ascher joined us by phone.

Carol Robitschek moved that the minutes be approved. This was seconded by Pat Patton and approved.

Board Chair's Report

1. Dorothy Guinn reported that the Southern Stock is now valued at 43.5 per share so lower than the January report.
2. There was discussion about having a program at the library where seniors could pair with high school students to learn how to use equipment such as computers, tablets, smart phones and their software programs. However, there have been classes offered at the Schechter Center and the Shepherd Center so there may no longer be such a need.

Director's Report

1. Nancy Grout reported that Satellite Beach now has 3 year terms for their volunteers to the library board. Dorothy Guinn was recently reaffirmed and her term is for 3 years.
2. Satellite Beach has a rule that only two of the library board volunteers can come from Indian Harbour Beach and presently three members of the board have Indian Harbour addresses. Satellite Beach asked the board to resolve this situation. Hope Ascher volunteered to become an alternate to resolve the situation. Hope will return to full status in May 2016 when Barbara Stasko said she would retire from the board. Due to these changes, Carol Robitschek moves from alternate to regular.
3. Nancy reported that we have two new 20 hour library aides. They are Mary Shrum and Jennifer McVicker. They replace 25 hour aides.
4. A \$1,000 memoriam was given to Satellite Beach Library in the name of Cynthia Babich. Ms. Babich was active in the community, led a book reading group and was a patron of the library.
5. Board members were given a copy of the summer reading program. Its theme for 2015 is "Every Hero has a Story."

Statistics

1. Brevard County Library statistics were passed around and discussed for the months of January, February and March. Patron attendance was up for January and February but down for the month of March in Satellite Beach. This might be attributed to the fact that the AARP tax help was no longer offered at the library.
2. Many other interesting figures are found in these reports.

Friends of Satellite Beach Library Report

1. A half day book sale was held on Saturday, May 2nd and the profit was \$1,202.50. Another small book sale is planned for September.
2. The Friends of the Library are working on getting their tax exempt status. The offer was made by Dorothy Guinn to pay the set up expenses for the Friends of the Satellite Beach Library.

New Business

1. Nancy Grout reported that the director of MLK (Martin Luther King) library is retiring. Other library director positions in the system have not been replaced yet. There was discussion of changes in staffing for the Brevard County Library System.

Board Member Comments

Carol Robitschek wondered if we could ask our library patrons "what hours would they like the library to be open" through a survey that they could fill out when visiting the library. There was discussion of possibly putting this survey in the Satellite Beach Beachcaster. Carol will investigate options. However, other factors such as budget determine what hours the library can be open and how Satellite Beach library hours coordinate with libraries that are located close by.

There being no further business, Pat Patton moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Lucia Watson