

Satellite Beach Library Board Minutes
November 18, 2014
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, Carol Late, Sharon Reynolds-Mixon, Pat Patton, Carol Robitschek, Lucia Watson and Library Director Nancy Grout. Hope Ascher was also in attendance via telephone.

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

Dorothy Guinn suggested that we send a thank you letter to the Friends of the Library at the end of each year to show appreciation for all of their work. This was unanimously approved.

Dorothy Guinn recently read about the new ruling on tax-exempt charitable status that would make it much easier for charitable organizations like Friends of the Satellite Beach Library to apply, by filling out a 3 page online registration and paying a \$400 filing fee that would allow tax-deductible donations. Dorothy is willing to pay the \$400 fee if Friends of the Satellite Beach Library Board are interested in the offer. Carol Late was asked to attend Friends of the Satellite Beach Library next meeting and present this offer to the Friends.

Dorothy reported that the Southern Company Stock is trading at about \$47.8.

Director's Report

1. There were questions as to why the large recyclable dumpster for paper is no longer at the library. Nancy Grout reported that they no longer wanted old books placed in the containers. It had been used for recycling newspapers, papers and also unused books. Carol Robitschek said that there are recyclable dumpsters behind the Schechter Center and it is worth investigating to see if old books could be put in the dumpsters there.

2. Nancy Grout reported that there have been problems with the outside lighting at the building. There have been some repairs when the breakers have gone off but additional expenses are expected in this area. The building is 23 years old so one has to expect such repairs.

3. There will be a change in the company that will have the contract for taking care of the landscaping.

4. World Electronics will be the new company handling the alarm contract for the library. There had been a break in at the Titusville Library. Fortunately there was not a lot of damage.

5. Con Ed of New York has an energy savings performance contract with the county to decrease energy consumption by implementing lighting updates and water conservation measures. Toilets have already been replaced with new aerators using less water when flushed in our library. Lighting will also be replaced with more efficient lighting in the library along with other buildings in the county.

6. A part time page position has been filled.

7. There was much discussion on the Brevard County Libraries 2015 Plan that includes 37 objectives. Hope Ascher offered to help with Social media such as Facebook and Google+ to publicize library services and activities after she returns to Florida.

8. A new staffing plan has been approved and our board members were concerned with the implementation of these changes. These changes would take place as people retire.

9. An assistant has been assigned to Brevard County Library Director, Jeff Thompson.

10. Additions have been made to the Spanish book collection at Satellite Beach Library.

11. Tax help can be found at Ascension Lutheran Church on Pinetree Drive in Indian Harbour Beach. This replaces the help that was previously offered at the Satellite Beach library.

Old Business

Hope will investigate getting free mulch to be used for landscaping at the library.

Statistics

A Statistical Profile of our library from October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014 was passed out with many valuable and interesting statistics on the collection, volunteers, and patrons who take advantage of all that is offered.

New Business

Board meeting dates were approved for 2015.

There being no further business Pat Patton moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Lucia Watson