



TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Jan K. Platt Regional Library

April 25, 2019

Members Present: Felicia Pecora (Chair), Phyllis Alpert (Vice Chair), Shelley Blood (Secretary), Maggie Suttell, Carmen Alvarez, Bob Argus, Vernon Noronha, Candi Martin, Jim Johnson and Shelly McClellan.

Members Absent: Ben Hom.

Library Administration/Guests: Andrew Breidenbaugh, Jacquelyn Zebos, David Wullschleger, Renelda Sells, Lorie Tonti, Chely Cantrell, Aracelis Chapman, Sheryl Herold, Jessica Rehbaum, Janet Marnatti, Tina Russo, Stacey Jurewicz, Laura Doyle and Dawn Dvorak.

The meeting was called to order at 4 pm with a quorum present.

Minutes from the March 28, 2019 meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT—none.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policies & Bylaws Committee

The Library Board was in unanimous support of the South Bay Genealogy Society's request to name the Genealogy Room at SouthShore Regional Library in honor of the late Jack Fischer and his service to the genealogical community, the SouthShore Library and to the Sun City Center community. The room will now be called the Jack Fischer Genealogy Center.

Following review and discussion, the Library Board voted 10-1 (McClellan opposed) in favor of changes to the Library's Unattended Children policy—LS503 to add in age requirements for unattended children, and unanimously in favor new policy LS504, Service to After-Schoolers, which includes reference to the changes to LS503.

A recommendation to name community rooms A and B at Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library in memory of the late Patricia Carson and her 26 years of volunteer service to the library received the unanimous support of the Library Board as well as the endorsement of the Jimmie B. Keel Friends of the Library.

A bequest has been made by the family of Barbara Friedman that will be used to fund an early learning hive at Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library. The Library Board voted unanimously in support of naming the early learning hive in memory of Barbara Friedman.

Finance & Planning Committee

The FY2019 monthly budget report for the month of March was reviewed along with the Monthly Library Activity and Branch summaries.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—None.

NEW BUSINESS—None.

ADVOCACY REPORTS

Shelley Blood recently corresponded with State legislators in support of the Library.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The County's 2019 United Way campaign is underway, and two evening events (bowling and skating) are planned to raise funds for United Way support.

The next Books & Bites event is scheduled for Friday, August 23, 2019, 12 pm at Saunders Library, and will feature Paul Wilborn author of Cigar City: Tales from a 1980's Creative Ghetto.

Staff will present the Library's department budget to the County Administrator tomorrow. No changes to the budget are expected at this time. The County Administrator has called for a significant reorganization to selected County departments.

Staff provided statistical information regarding Hoopla streaming and e-book service. There are 546 users per month on average. Unlike other services, materials are always available on Hoopla with audio books being the most popular format being checked out.

Laura Doyle, branch supervisor of the Jan Platt Regional Library, was introduced.

Thank you to the Friends of the Jan Platt Regional Library for providing refreshments for today's meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm

The next meeting of the Library Board is scheduled for Thursday, May 23, 4 pm at Austin Davis Library.