

HEARTLAND LIBRARY COOPERATIVE

GOVERNING BOARD

LAKE PLACID MEMORIAL LIBRARY MEETING ROOM

205 WINTERLAKE BLVD., LAKE PLACID, FL

Minutes to the February 21, 2018 meeting

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 10 am by Chairman Donna Storter-Long. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was conducted by Mary Booher.

ROLL CALL:

Governing Board Members Present:

Steve Spinks, Commissioner Hardee County; Donna Storter-Long Commissioner Glades; Jeanette Peeples Glades citizen; Kresta King Coordinator Okeechobee; Fran Syfrett Okeechobee citizen; Albie Scoggins Okeechobee Director; Ann Ryals Desoto citizen; Tara Poulton DeSoto citizen; Margaret Dewey Highlands citizen; Brad Goodbread Commissioner Okeechobee; Jeannie Palacios Hardee citizen.

Also Present:

Mary Booher Librarian Glades; Dee Shackelford Librarian Hardee; Linda Waters Librarian Desoto; Maria Chenique Librarian Highlands; Chris Benson Highlands Director.

Governing Board Members Absent:

Mary Myers, Rick Knight, Ron Handley and Fred Lohrer.

ROUTINE BUSINESS:

Notice of Public meeting. Said notice has been posted.

Approval of Agenda: Motion was made to approve Agenda by Brad Goodbread and Seconded by Jeanette Peeples and unanimously passed.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion was made by Tara Poulton to approve minutes, seconded by Ann Ryals and unanimously passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Introduction of new Board Members: Chairman Donna Storter-Long introduced new Board members, Steve Spinks, Tara Poulton, and Highlands County Community Services Director, Chris Benson.

Treasurer vacancy: Donna Storter-Long asked Brad Goodbread if he would like to take this position and he accepted.

FY17 Audit report by Julie Fowler of CliftonLarsonAllen: Julie went over the audit and asked for any questions. She stated that this was a clean audit. Motion to approve Audit was made by Fran Syfrett, seconded by Brad Goodbread and unanimously passed.

Financial report by Cheryl Williams of Wicks, Brown, Williams & Co: Cheryl Williams went over the financial report. Motion to approve financial report was made by Tara Poulton, seconded by Albie Scoggins and unanimously passed.

Statistics: Coordinator Kresta King went over the statistical report for January 2018.

Polaris vs. Koha databases: Kresta reported to the Board about the price comparisons for Polaris vs. Koha. It was suggested by the Board, that a demonstration be set up, for the various libraries to try both systems before deciding on this issue at the May 2018 meeting. Kresta said she would work on this.

Computer support technician vacancies update: Coordinator Kresta King stated that she would like to have one part-time tech to cover Hardee and DeSoto Libraries, one part-time tech for Okeechobee and Glades Libraries, and Paul Ramponi will be responsible for Highlands Libraries, as well as the higher level IT duties. Chris Benson pointed out that if Paul Ramponi is not in a supervisory position over the part-time computer techs, he will no longer qualify to be exempt. Kresta indicated that as the techs would be through Manpower, she would be their supervisor, the same way that she supervises the couriers that are employed through Manpower. Kresta stated that she has no intention of making Paul Ramponi non-exempt, and Chris and Kresta will further discuss the situation before the next Board meeting.

Members Comments: Mary Booher stated that they had an Art in the Park event; there was a great crowd, over 4800 participants.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Next meeting Date: May 16, 2018 at 10 am

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Agnes Guinn