

HEARTLAND LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2011

HLC Governing Board members present: Archbold-Fred Lohrer; DeSoto - Commissioner Judy Schaefer, Mandy Hines, Ann Ryals; Glades -Commissioner Donna Storter-Long, Jeanette Peebles; Highlands- Community Services Division Director June Fisher, Councilman Debra Worley; Okeechobee –Commissioner Margaret Garrard Helton, Marion Davis, Robbie Chartier. Absences: Commissioner Terry Atchley, Commissioner Don Elwell, Diana Youmans, Gloria Davis, and Julie Perry. Others present: Librarians Kresta King, Lorel Reinstrom, Mary Booher, Patti Lang, and Cooperative Coordinator Mary Myers.

Chairman June Fisher called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. Ann Ryals open with prayer and lead in the pledge to the flag. The notice of public meeting was read. Coordinator Mary Myers requested to add the approval to dispose of courier van, under new business. Chairman June Fisher moved to approve the amended agenda with added item as number ten under new business, and Members comments as number eleven. Motion was made by Ann Ryals. It was seconded by Marion Davis and passed unanimously. The minutes of the previous meeting were moved for approval with a motion by Mandy Hines, seconded by Robbie Chartier, and passed unanimously.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Coordinator Mary Myers presented her reports including the financial report. She was very pleased to report that library advocates once again have saved State Aid to Libraries, and the Cooperative will have another year of funding. The replacement courier van is anticipated to arrive any time now, and the new website has been completed, with Mary Myers as the website manager. New columns were added on the statistical report to show computer and wireless users, and the patron count has change to show patrons using the library in the last year, instead of every patron that has ever sign up for a library card. Members agreed keeping track of current users is more important. Books are our most circulated items, with a lead of 66%, over DVDs at 24%, and the rest of our materials constituting the remaining 10%. DVDs circulation has increased since libraries resume sharing last April. Motion was made by Robbie Chartier to approve the Coordinator's report and financial report. It was seconded by Commissioner Judy Schaefer, and passed with unanimous approval by the Board.

RECIPROCAL BORROWING AGREEMENT WITH SFCC

Chairman June Fisher moved the Reciprocal Borrowing Agreement with South Florida Community College for approval with a motion by Robbie Chartier, seconded by Marion Davis, and passed unanimously.

NEW WEBSITE DEMONSTRATION AND COMMENTS

Coordinator Mary Myers introduced the Members to the new website, which includes all libraries in the Cooperative, and has replaced the individual websites that each had before, reducing maintenance and cost. The URL will remain the same, www.myhlc.org and, for the time being, Coordinator Mary Myers will take over as the website manager. With the cooperation of the library directors, contents will be kept up-to-date and constructive suggestions will be answered. Each library director agreed to send Mary Myers an updated picture of their library to be added to the information available in the "Find a Library" link. Members were very pleased with the new website.

UNIQUE MANAGEMENT

Reports show benefits aren't justifying the costs. After a short discussion Chairman June Fisher moved to table the issue, with a motion by Ann Ryals, seconded by Commissioner Donna Storter-Long, and was passed unanimously by the Board.

COOPERATIVE IN-SERVICE DAY DISCUSSION

Mandy Hines took a moment to introduce to the members DeSoto's new librarian Lorel Reinstrom who thanked them for the warm welcome she has received. Due to several new staff and new procedures, it was agreed there would be another In-Service Day to take place October 10th, 2011, in the Lake Placid Conference Center, counting always with the Friends of the Libraries wonderful help and support. The first meeting to organize the event will take place July 1st. Chairman June Fisher move for approval with a motion by Ann Ryals, seconded by Robbie Chartier, and passed unanimously.

APPROVAL TO DISPOSE OF COURIER VAN

After some discussion it was agreed Coordinator Mary Myers would look into having the Cooperative, through Gov Deals, salvage the courier van, and its procedures be added to the Cooperative's funds. Motion was made by Robbie Chartier to approve declaring the courier van as surplus. It was seconded by Commissioner Judy Schaefer, and passed with unanimous approval by the Board.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2011, at the Lake Placid Memorial Library, at 10:00 a.m.

The board adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted
Estela A. Patrick