

**LAKE WALES LIBRARY BOARD  
MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2022 AT 4:00 PM  
LAKE WALES PUBLIC LIBRARY – SCHOENOFF MEETING ROOM**

Members in attendance: Allison Kapphan, Imelda Tice and Brandon Alvarado

Staff in attendance: Tina Peak and Dorinda Mosby

Guest: Jodie Schmidt

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The meeting was called to order by Allison Kapphan.

**Review of the Meeting Minutes for December 2021**

A motion to approve the minutes for the December 2021 meeting was made by Imelda Tice and seconded by Brandon Alvarado. There was no discussion, the motion was carried.

**Library Updates**

Tina reviewed the library statistical reports for the first quarter of fiscal year 2021-2022.

Tina announced that Chayla Outing has resigned her seat on the Lake Wales Library Board due to her current commitments. It was announced that Jodie Schmidt has applied for the unincorporated resident seat that Chayla held. Jodie will appear before the Lake Wales City Commission at the February 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, for their approval of Jodie's application. The Lake Wales Library Board approved the application of Jodie Schmidt and encouraged the Lake Wales City Commission to approve the application. There is still one vacancy to fill on the board by a city resident.

Tina discussed that the Lake Wales Public Library programs are up and running. The library had a wonderful turnout for Mr. & Mrs. Santa in December. The Lake Wales Public Library has scheduled a sewing classes during Spring Break. This class will be for children ages 8-12. Soon to follow will be the adult sewing class for beginners.

Tina announced that the library is currently having staffing shortages due to illness. One employee has been hospitalized. One who has been out ill, should be returning next week and a few have had family health issues.

Tina discussed that the City of Lake Wales will post her job position in April. Her last official day will be September 3, 2022. Tina has requested that someone from the Library Board be on the interview panel.

A strategic planning session for the Lake Wales Library Board and the Lake Wales Library Association Board was discussed. This will allow both boards to plan their strategies and goals before the new director begins.

Tina announced that the library had a part-time position in Reference that has been filled by Tina Heckler who will work Monday, Tuesday and Saturday. There will also be an upcoming full-time position in Reference due to the retirement of a staff member in March. The full-time position job has been posted and there are over 85 applicants, some of whom have library experience.

It was announced that the lockers system at the Lake Wales Library has been very successful. They are usually over half full by the end of each day.

**Other Business**

The ARPA grant that the Polk County Library Cooperative applied for has been approved. The Lake Wales Public Library was awarded a library vending machine and drop box. The new outreach point will be set up at City Hall. Expenses will be covered for the first year.

The Board discussed the decision of the Polk County School Superintendent to order 16 books to be removed for the Middle and High School libraries in order to determine their appropriation for students

Tina announced that the Mardi Gras parade will be the last weekend in February and the Lake Wales Student Art Show will be at the Lake Wales Public Library during March 2022 and the judge for the show will be an previous library staff member, Amanda McCallister.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 4, 2022 at 4 pm in the Lake Wales Public Library's Schoenoff Meeting Room. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please email [library@lakewalesfl.gov](mailto:library@lakewalesfl.gov).

There was no further business. The meeting was adjourned by Allison Kapphan.

Submitted by

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Allison Kapphan, Chairman

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Dorinda Mosby, Library Assistant