

**LAKE WALES LIBRARY BOARD
MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2019**

Members in attendance: Paula Alford, Brystal Michalkiewicz, Allison Kapphan and Jolene Birchfield

Staff in attendance: Tina Peak, Jennifer D'hollander and Carolyn Perry
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The meeting was opened by Chairman Paula Alford.

**Review of the February Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Lake Wales Library Board held on February 6, 2019 were reviewed. Brystal Michalkiewicz moved and Jolene Birchfield seconded the motion to approve the minutes as printed. The motion passed.

**North Library Update**

Tina reported that the first draft of the drawings by Parlier + Crews Architects, P.A for the North Library Branch are finished. When the final plans are completed, they will be reviewed by the Lake Wales City Commission. The Commission will consider the cost of the project in approving or denying the North Library.

**Love Your Library Campaign Results**

The Friends of the Library's Love Your Library membership campaign in February was very successful; over \$3,000 were raised by this project. Several gift baskets and two beautiful afghans were donated for prizes and the Lake Wales Fire Department donated a family prize of dinner and a tour of their building. The Friends of the Library has raised almost \$40,000 this year through various activities.

**Report on New Library Staff**

Three part-time employees were recently hired to fill vacancies. They are Amy Lindblade for the Circulation Department, Bridget Egan for the Reference Department, and Joshua Barron for B-Mail. All three are proving to be an asset to the library family.

**Polk County Student Library Cards**

The Polk County Library Cooperative is working with the Polk County Schools Media Services to give every student from VPK through 12<sup>th</sup> grade a library card. For the first year the idea is to get all Polk County schools and Charter School students involved in using the library's resources. Private schools are not included in the plan for the first year. The students who already have a library card will keep the card they have, but would get a second card as part of this project. Policy issues are still being discussed. More information will be forthcoming in the near future.

**Lake Wales Museum Report**

Jennifer D'hollander, Museum Director, reported on the various activities at the museum. The recent Director's Luncheon given to honor those who have supported the museum was successful; the response was excellent.

Jennifer stated the desire to rename the museum. She would like the museum's name to focus on history and heritage. There was much discussion regarding this matter, and the Board members were asked to bring their suggestions for the name change to the Library Board meeting in April for consideration. The Library Board members recommended that Jennifer contact Library Board member, Deborah Solow. Ms. Solow was not present at the March meeting, but considering her expertise in Marketing the Board members in attendance wanted her to be included in the conversation.

### **Events for Library and Museum**

#### **Library**

March 7 – 12 noon – Lunch & Learn

*Bulbs to Add Color to Your Landscape*

March 14 – 12 noon – Lunch & Learn

*Facts About Identity Theft*

March 23 – 3 pm - *Florida Cuisine Cooking*

March 30 – 2 pm – *Wine Bottle Lantern Class*

#### **Museum**

Thursday, March 21 – 6 pm

*Women's History Month Presentation*

*Featuring Florida's Female Pioneers*

*by Peggy MacDonald*

Tuesday, March 26

*Florida Seminoles Exhibit*

Wednesday, March 27 – 12 noon

*Non-Fiction Book Club –*

*East to the Dawn: The Life of Amelia Earhart*

*by Susan Butler*

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 4 pm. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please email [cperry@lakewalesfl.gov](mailto:cperry@lakewalesfl.gov).

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by

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Carolyn D. Perry, Library Clerk

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Paula Alford, Chairman