

**VILLAGE OF NORTH PALM BEACH**  
**LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Christine DelGuzzi called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Julie Morrell, Library Manager  
Christine DelGuzzi, Chairperson  
Phyllis Wissner, Vice Chairperson  
Bonnie Jenkins, Secretary - Absent  
Tina Chippas, Member  
Carolyn Kost, Member  
Brad Avakian, Member  
Leslie Metz, Member

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Carolyn Kost made a motion to accept the Minutes for the November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2022 meeting. Leslie Metz seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

**LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**

Library Manager Julie Morrell reported the following:

- Facilities:
  - New wooden shelving on wheels has been installed upstairs but there are bare spots where there was no carpet underneath shelving.
    - New carpet will be installed soon, patches in carpet are temporary until then and expected to be second or third week of February
  - Steel wall shelving is expected to be installed sometime in February.
  - Carpet and painting will be scheduled around arrival of shelving.
    - Walls and trim will be white
    - Carpet is different shades of blue and navy
- Children's Programming
  - Four storytimes each week.
  - TCS classes visit on Wednesday-Friday mornings.
  - Children's Arts and Crafts are held weekly on Thursdays at 3:00
    - This last week's theme was vignettes
  - Children's Art Appreciation is held on the third Friday of the month at 3:00.
  - Crazy 8's Math Club is back every Wednesday for ages K-5.
- Teen Programming:
  - Teen volunteers continue to assist the library in daily functions.
- Adult Programming:
  - Knit and Crochet meet every Monday

- Great Courses returned after winter break with “Wonders of the National Parks” on January 17<sup>th</sup> with 12-13 people and one dog this past Tuesday
- Adult crafts were held December 8<sup>th</sup> with 23 people
  - Bonnie Jenkins of the LAB donated beads for crafts
  - Program went very well and many people made beautiful jewelry
- Yoga with Mi Sun is back in Veteran’s Park on Friday mornings
- Book Club was held December 1<sup>st</sup> and 13 book club members discussed the book The Many Daughters of Afong Moy by Jamie Ford
- Senior Appreciation Bingo had 10 seniors attend
- AARP will be doing taxes again starting February 1<sup>st</sup> on Wednesday and Friday from 9:00-12:30 and stop April 14<sup>th</sup>. They will be taking appointments this year. No income max on free tax aide help either.
- Friends of the Library:
  - Friends has a SeaWorld Raffle basket drawing February 17<sup>th</sup> which includes whale toy and 2 single-day adult tickets to and SeaWorld Park.
  - Today was the first day of the book sale but only open to Friends members for the first day
    - Many interested people joined the Friends to get the opportunity to shop early
    - Unsold books are being donated to Junior League and a hospital
- Circulation of items is back to pre-pandemic levels; but E-circulation is up significantly.
  - Biggest e-circulation is through CloudLibrary but Libby will be kept on until Kindle devices accept CloudLibrary app.
  - New e-magazines are available through Libby App for about \$600 a year and will be advertised through newsletter, brochures, and Facebook
- Special Events:
  - Santa’s Trolley Rides on December 16th
    - Library staff assisted with Santa’s trolley rides
    - Staff members Meagan Hurd and Lynda Dones as well as Library Friend and volunteer Joy Loper dressed up and read to children
- Advisory Board Dinner will be March 4<sup>th</sup> and Library staff will be at Macarthur Park that day running a library booth at their Naturescaping event

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was none.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

Councilman Darryl Aubrey inquired if many books had to be discarded when switching over to the new shelves. Manager Morrell responded that no books needed to be discarded due to a top row being added to the top of all the shelves and more wall shelving will be added on bare walls upstairs. Wooden shelves for the center of the room were thought to accommodate 5 shelves, but only 4 shelves fit correctly in the end.

Carolyn Kost had a question about the top shelf of the wall shelving being used and wondered if it was ADA compliant. Manager Morrell responded that it was only temporary until the new shelving comes in February.

Tina Chippas wanted to know if there was a sheet of paper that had all of the library's ongoing and special events in one place. Manager Morrell responded that at the moment, they have the Village newsletter as well as individual half-sheet handouts under the bulletin boards. It was decided that a double-sided sheet of paper with activities for adults and children could be created that gave all of the information in one go.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Carolyn Kost motioned to adjourn the meeting. Tina Chippas seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:22pm.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 7:00pm in the Obert Room.

Respectfully submitted by Julie Morrell