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W.T. BLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

Community Room, W.T. Bland Public Library, 1195 N. Baker Street, Mount Dora, FL 32757
April 11, 2022 at 5:00 PM

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - A. March 14, 2022 Library Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Presentations
- VI. Library Manager's Report
- VII. Action Items
- VIII. Discussion Items
- IX. Future Meeting Dates
- X. Adjournment

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**W. T. BLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
W.T. Bland Public Library, 1995 N. Donnelly Street, Mount Dora, FL 32757
Monday, March 14, 2022 - 5:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

PRESENT: Cathy Gillespie (Chair), Ellen August, Carolyn Fountain, Yiris Rivera,
William Lowery (Co-chair), Helen Cutshaw, Janet Manchon

ABSENT: None

CITY STAFF: Cathy Lunday-Library Manager and LaJun Garry-Administrative
Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: Robert Cooper

I. Call to Order

Ms. Gillespie called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of Minutes for February 14, 2022

**MOTION by Mr. Lowery SECONDED by Ms. August to approve minutes from
February, 2022.**

AYE: Gillespie, August, Fountain, Rivera, Lowery, Cutshaw, Manchon

NAY: None

MOTIONED CARRIED 7-0

Ms. Manchon asked if our board meetings are audio recorded because City Council member Nate Walker had difficulty hearing the audio when he listened to it. Ms. Lunday answered yes; the quality is not great but all of our meetings are recorded and available on the City's website.

IV. Public Comment

None

V. Presentations

A. Emma Sears March Paintings

The Lakes and Hills Garden Club owns 245 of these paintings and until recently the GFWC Mount Dora Woman's Club owned 24. The Woman's Club donated their 24 artworks to the City. Staff plans to have all 24 images professionally scanned at a high resolution, which the Mount Dora Library Association has agreed to underwrite up to \$3,000. Once the prints are scanned they will be printed on either canvas or watercolor matte paper. The Library plans to display this exhibit in the Lobby during the month of October along with a biography of Emma Sears Marsh and information about each wildflower, as well as feature the collection digitally in the Mount Dora Archives. The goal is to offer them to other Florida museums and libraries as a traveling exhibit.

B. Library Goals and Capital Projects

Board reviewed Library Goals and Objectives for 2021-22. (Attachment #1)

Ms. Lunday reported all five goals are coming along nicely with the exception of successful implementation of Northeast CRA reading coach initiative. Story times at the Martin Luther King Center resumed this past Saturday with no one in attendance. Mr. Cooper asked if the library provide bus transportation. Ms. Lunday replied no, and agreed that transportation is one of the problems. Library staff will continue to explore ways to reach the community.

Library Capital Projects

Board reviewed Library's proposed Capital Projects for 2022-23:

1. Completion of Forest Preserve
2. Manga Collection
3. Technology Expansion
4. Shelving Expansion

Long term 2025-26 Capital Projects:

1. Study and plan in 2022-23 for increasing meeting room space at the Simpson Farmhouse with estimated completion 2025-26.
2. Expansion of Library, with study to begin in 2025-26 and estimated completion 2031-32.

Mr. Cooper asked Ms. Lunday if she was the grant writer or do we have a grant writer. Ms. Lunday replied that she both writes some grants and uses a grant writer for others.

VI. Library Manager's Report

Ms. Lunday shared:

- Simpson Farmhouse grant for \$50,000 was approved by the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources in the Historic Preservation Grants Program and requires 100% matching funds.
- This is the Library's tenth month in a row being second busiest overall circulation in Lake County.
- Forest Preserve environmental assessment study is underway.
- Children's Library – removing all shelving on the northeast wall on Wednesday.
- Library budget – not proposing any changes.

- Lake County’s patron behavior policy was tabled at the last Lake County Library Advisory Board meeting.
- Story times resumed two weeks ago. Our first story time had 75 people in attendance. Beginning in the month of April plan to have story times Monday through Friday.
- City Manager asked Ms. Lunday to lead a new initiative – America in Bloom. Donnelly Park has been selected as the project for the showcase garden, which focuses on the power of flowers and gardens as an economic driver.

VII. Action Items

None

VIII. Discussion Items

None

IX Future Meeting Date

1. April 11, 2022

IX. Adjournment

MOTION by Mr. Lowery, SECONDED by Ms. Cutshaw to adjourn the March 14, 2022 meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Cathy Gillespie, Chair

Cathy Lunday, Library Manager