

**FLAGLER COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

Minutes of September 11, 2023

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Trustee Sharon Attack at 4:35 p.m.

Attendees: Library Director Holly Albanese, Assistant Library Director Joe Saloom, Trustees Sharon Attack, Nancy Bettencourt, Jan Cullinane, Jeanne Nix, Friends of the Library representative Carl Laundrie, and Commissioner Donald O'Brien.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the June 12, 2023 Board Meeting were approved.

Public Comment: None

Friends of the Library Report: Carl Laundrie reported that the book sale/bake sale/car show was a great success; Mike and Diane Cocchiola will assume leadership roles for the FOL; the Friends of the Library purchased new chairs in the Doug Cisney Reading Room as well purchasing a second isolation booth; Carl provided an overview of upcoming programs.

Assistant Library Director's Report: Joe Saloom reviewed the robust attendance statistics for June, July, and August, and reported that after promoting PressReader on the Library's Facebook page, usage doubled. Upcoming programs, taught by Joe, include Internet classes, using your smartphone for directions, and taking photos with your phone. Additional activities offered by the Library (and supported by the Friends) include Trivia, Creative writing classes, Movies, Yoga, Chef Warren, a Constitution program, Halloween Hoopla, and a presentation by storytellers and musicians.

Monthly Director's Report:

- The budget review is still in process, and includes the youth services position.
- The Southern library will be able to withstand a CAT 4 hurricane and will be available as a shelter.
- Holly is applying for two grants: a Mitigation grant that could pay for 75% of taking the Southern library to a "Code Plus" level, and an MPCF grant (Multi-Purpose Community Facilities grant), with a maximum grant award of \$4 million. Both grants are involved and complicated, and recipients should be notified by January 2024. Chairman Ulsamer will write a letter of support for this MPCF grant.
- The long-range plan was reviewed and approved, with one minor addition. It will be submitted by October 1st.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for October 9th at 4:30.

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Submitted by: Jan Cullinane, Trustee