

APALACHICOLA'S MARGARET KEY LIBRARY

Regular Meeting of the Library Advisory Board

Minutes ~ May12, 2020

~ Mission Statement ~

"The Apalachicola Margaret Key Library contributes to a healthy, vibrant community by helping citizens create and live their best life."

Meeting Location:

ZOOM Distance Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Sondra Taylor-Furbee, Chairperson

Members Present:

Sondra Taylor-Furbee

Audie Pieper

Jerry Hurley

Trinity Hardy

Isabell Pateritsas (alternate member)

Ex-Officio Participants:

Ginny Griner, PHILACO Liaison

Jody Rosenbaum, PALS Liaison

Despina George, City Council Member/Interested Citizen

- Acceptance of March 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes
 - Motion made by Trinity Hardy
 - Second by Jerry Hurley
- Vote: Unanimous

- Financial Report:
 - Due to extended library closure there was no financial report to share with members.
 - Director's Report: None presented

Old Business:

- Discussion of cooperation with Franklin County Library and Wilderness Coast Library Cooperative:
 - Sondra Taylor-Furbee, Chairperson has requested and reviewed a number of inter-local agreements utilized by other libraries. She indicated that she would seek information and share with board members and new city manager.

 - Further information requested for review and consideration prior to any recommendation of action.

- Communications with donors was discussed. It was brought to the attention of the board that Candace Springer, donor, raised a concern regarding the donation of two desks to the library by her sister. The desks were donated with the intent of them being used as the main circulation desks with a plaque honoring the gift. It was indicated that the desks had been rearranged to be utilized in the intended manner. The plaque is not present but Jody Rosenbaum said it was supposed to be in the desk drawer. It will be found and mounted or a new plaque made.
- A concern was raised relating to Mariterese and Patrick Balthrop, donors of an inviting, designated reading/seating area for young adults. Discussion centered on what could be done to comply with the intent of the donation. It was agreed that something would be done to address the intent of the donors.

New Business:

- Reopening the Library: Discussion

Phase I

- Jody Rosenbaum asked if there was any maintenance/cleaning being provided by the city of Apalachicola to ensure sanitary conditions upon opening to public. None at this time.
- Sondra Taylor-Furbee discussed possibility of curbside book pickup, call in times to check books out for pickup and online ability to reserve/check-out books. Books sanitized before check-out and again upon check-in.

Phase II

- Discussion regarding access to computers, spacing them apart inside library, sanitizing between users, limiting time for users to allow more patrons access.
- Discussion of using laptops outside front entrance of library with monitoring by staff.
- Discussion of providing creative access programming for young readers during the summer.

- Library Director Position:

- Sondra Taylor-Furbee shared that Caroline Kienzle has approached Mayor Kevin Begos with the offer to assume the role of full-time Head Librarian with minimal or no compensation. A brief biography was shared with the board outlining Ms. Kienzle's qualifications. The board was asked for a vote relating to the offer but initiated a discussion of the offer instead.
- Jody Rosenbaum shared information relating to issues and concerns in the past relating to Mrs. Kienzle's duties at the "old" library.
- Jerry Hurley shared that once the job was done for free and no compensation was provided in the city budget, it might be hard to ensure funding in the future while

adding the inherent difficulties with evaluating and holding someone accountable in a volunteer position.

- Other members voiced support of Mrs. Kienzle's qualifications and generosity in making the offer.
- Sondra Taylor-Furbee said that she would share the board's concerns with Mayor Begos.

Final Comments/Concerns:

- Jerry Hurley asked if the city had defined "citizen" relating to serving on local boards. He stated that Lynn Wilson should be retired from the board since she does not live in Apalachicola any longer as required by Resolution 2017-11. He felt that Isabel Pateritsas should be seated on the board with full voting privileges.
- Audie Pieper initiated a discussion of involving children in a summer reading initiative in a way that would follow the Covid19 guidelines. Computer apps, and volunteer video book readers were a couple of suggestions. Sondra said she would look into these and other ideas.

Adjourn:

Motion by Audie Pieper

Second by Trinity Hardy

Vote: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted: Jerry L. Hurley, Secretary