

APALACHICOLA'S MARGARET KEY LIBRARY

Regular Meeting of the Library Advisory Board

Minutes ~ June 9, 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:

Main Lobby of Margaret Key Library with Social Distancing/Masks Optional

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 (via telephone)

Despina George, City Council Member/Interested Citizen

Carrie Kienzle, Proposed Library Director

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

- Financial Report: No activity to report at this time.
 - Ginny Griner requested information regarding budget as it stands currently.
 - Sondra Taylor-Furbee will provide that information as soon as available.
 - The new budget will be made available for review.

- Director's Report: None presented

Old Business:

- **Library Director Position**
 - Discussion included:
 - Mayor Begos said the city handles the hiring in this position.
 - It was agreed to keep moneys allocated to library accounts with carryover.

- Jody Rosenbaum added that Mayor Begos ran on a platform to cut the librarian's position.
 - Carrie Kienzle introduced herself and shared her background and hopes for the Margaret Key Library if hired.
 - Carrie Kienzle has agreed to accept a small salary which she will donate to a non-profit (her choice), but will be a city employee rather than a volunteer.
 - Carrie Kienzle will ensure that Margaret Key Library will meet national standards for community libraries.
 - Plans include giving the people of Apalachicola a voice with technology and books while providing access to information to everyone.
 - Job Description and Evaluation: Jody Rosenbaum and Sondra Taylor-Furbee will provide that information currently available to members of the board.
- Motion made to endorse Carrie Kienzle being hired as a full-time Library Director and make that recommendation to the mayor's office.
 - Motion made by: Jerry L. Hurley
 - Motion seconded by Audie Pieper
 - Vote: Unanimous
 - Sondra Taylor-Furbee will inform the mayor and city manager of our endorsement and turn responsibility for when Carrie begins her employment over to the city.

➤ **Reopening of the Library**

- Discussion included:
 - Curbside service twenty (20) hours per week – 10:00 am until 2:00 pm, Monday-Thursday and Saturday.
 - Beginning date, Monday, June 15, 2020
 - Publicity via radio, infomercial, Facebook, newspaper
 - Trinity Hardy will facilitate publicity when provided with requirements currently in the possession of Carol Guild. Sondra Taylor-Furbee will facilitate transfer of information regarding those requirements to Trinity.
 - Carrie Kienzle shared ideas regarding access to computers and handling of print materials.

➤ **Summer Programming for Children**

- Discussion included:
 - Audie Pieper suggested that people record themselves reading children's books aloud and putting the video out for the community to access.
 - Carrie agreed to research possibilities and share information.
 - Could there be a link with Bring Me A Book Franklin?

➤ **Board Membership Requirements**

- Sondra Taylor-Furbee has discussed with Mayor Begos and clear guidelines are not yet forthcoming.

Final Public Comment:

- Discussion initiated by Jerry Hurley concerned the fact that Lynn Wilson is no longer a resident of Apalachicola as required by city board guidelines.
- Motion was made to recommend to the Philaco Board that Lynn Wilson be retired from the Margaret Key Library Board and Isabell Pateritsis be seated as a voting member.
 - Motion made by Jerry Hurley
 - Motion seconded by Audie Pieper
 - Vote: Unanimous
- It was also discussed that if Isabel Pateritsis moved up to a voting seat that Philaco select a new alternate member to attend meetings without voting privileges but be able to fill a seat that might come open and be “up to speed” on what the library board is doing.

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 PM.

Next Meeting:

July 14, 2020 at 5:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted: Jerry L. Hurley, Secretary