

MINUTES

EUSTIS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

March 17, 2009

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Clayton Bishop, President
Glenda Pippin, Secretary
Gwendolyn Manning, Vice-President
Carla Mitchell
Rena Poole

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Benetz, Leisure Services/Library Director
Marlene Blye, Deputy Library Director
Kathryn Pringle, L.S./Library Staff Assistant

President Clayton Bishop called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Minutes for the February 24, 2009 meeting were presented with correction of January 27, 2009 meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

STATISTICAL REPORT: Mr. Benetz presented the February Statistical and Financial Reports. For the month, 860 items were added to the collection and 1,115 were withdrawn; circulation totaled 8,263 items; staff answered 1,196 reference questions and 52 items were borrowed on interlibrary loan. Thirty-six children's programs were held with 582 in attendance and seven adult programs were held with 107 in attendance. Eighty-seven new cards were issued and 9,538 users visited the Library. Twelve volunteers worked a total of 176.75 hours. Library revenues were \$823.01 for the month of February. Non-resident card fees totaled \$664. Library impact fees collected totaled \$1,758.

President Bishop asked if there were any further comments or questions. There being none, Rena Poole moved to accept the Librarian's Report. Gwendolyn Manning seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Benetz reported on the success of the February 27th library book signing reception for former Eustis resident, and recently published author, Alvin B. Jackson, Jr. Mr. Benetz noted that the former Eustis Human Services Director and former Lake County Deputy County Manager, was also featured in a February library display where his career and achievements were highlighted.

Marlene Blye was recognized for her coordination of both presentations.

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Mr. Benetz also discussed his participation in Florida Library Days. He attended the Tallahassee event on March 10th and 11th. He also reported that on March 24th through 26th, he planned to return to Tallahassee for the Florida League of Cities (FLOC) Legislative Action Day and board meetings of the State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) and Society of Florida Archivists (SFA).

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Benetz informed the board that he was retiring. He explained the process through which his last day at work would be March 27th with leave time extending his official retirement date to June 5th. He also explained that his position as Leisure Services Director would end on his last work day. He then informed the Board that Deputy Director, Marlene Blye had been appointed Library Director to be effective after his last working day.

The Board received Mr. Benetz announcement with profound regret. With expressions of confidence in her knowledge, experience and skills, Ms. Blye was then given the full support and backing of the Library Board.

OTHER CONCERNS

After noting that last February 25th marked his 21st year as Library Director for Eustis, Mr. Benetz reported that he attended the Florida Library Association Library Days in Tallahassee on March 10th and 11th.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next scheduled Board meeting will meet April 28, 2009 at 4:00PM in the Library Conference Room.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenda Pippin
Secretary

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