



Minutes for General Membership Meeting
Friday, October 13, 2017

President Jane Ann Kennedy called the meeting to order at 11:45 A.M. There were 18 members and 3 new members in attendance. There were no guests.

Minutes of the May 12, 2017 meeting were approved as read.

President's Report: Jane Ann welcomed those in attendance and shared her pleasure that all had weathered the storm and stated her excitement for the upcoming year with Friends. She informed the membership that, at Monday's (October 9, 2017) meeting, the Board voted to donate \$5000 to the 2018 Reading Festival. This year's festival will be held on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at the Fort Myers Regional Library.

Treasurer's Report: Len Ahlfeld reported a balance, as of September 30, 2017, of \$3,824.65 in the Administrative Account and a balance of \$33,224.69 in the Gift Fund Account, giving the organization a total balance of \$37,049.34. He gave a brief overview of expenses and income for the summer months, mentioning things such as taxes, contribution to summer reading programs, coffee, book sales and donations to Friends.

Library Report: Carrie MacDonald reported the following:

Staffing: Lakes welcomes new faces: Gina Henderson, YS Library Associate, Macaire Hill, Reference Librarian, and Konstantina (Casey) Zayranov as Circulation Supervisor. Carrie informed the membership of Kevin Delaney's retirement and of the pending interview process to fill his position.

In addition to a part-time page from North Fort Myers, Donna Rossi, we will be welcoming two Library Assistants on October 26; Kelly Major and Carl Stamps.

Collections: Lakes YTD circulation is 783,246. September circulation was 48,195. (Note: Lakes was closed 9 days in September due to Hurricane Irma.) 237 new cards have been issued this past month, making the total number of cards at Lakes 47,013.

Library System news: Effective immediately, Mindi Simon has been named the Director of Lee County Library System. Mindi is not a stranger to the Lee County Library System and brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to the position.

Carrie also announced that Jennet Buri has been named Deputy Director of the Library System. Jennet, too, brings experience and leadership skills to this position.

Committee Reports:

Nook: Anita happily announced that the Nook is fully staffed and books are fully stocked! The storage cupboards are nearing capacity.

Display Case: No report given.

Focus: Len requested all entries for the next Focus be submitted to him no later than the week of October 16.

Lunch: Jane Ann was relieved to say lunches were ready for those who ordered.

Membership: Jeanette reported 11 local library members and 217 members, including Lifetime Members as of today. In the month of September there were neither new members nor membership renewals. Jeanette reminded members to check the mailing label on their Focus to see when individual memberships expire. Many of our memberships expire in December. Renewals may be dropped off at the Nook or mailed to Friends at the address on the membership form.

Program: Cindy sparked enthusiasm for November's speaker by appealing to our sense of mystery and intrigue. She has again successfully filled upcoming months with interesting speakers. The full agenda is available in the Focus. She encouraged marking calendars for January 2019 when Robert Macomber will be presenting, once again.

Publicity: no report given

Volunteers: Jane Ann reported that all positions are filled.

Website: Mary electronically reported a decline in web traffic, but is confident our hits will increase with the start of season here in Florida.

Old Business: There was none.

New Business: There was none.

The next meeting will be November 10, 2017 at the new time of 11:45 A.M.
The meeting was adjourned at 12:09P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary