



General Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2018

President Jane Ann Kennedy called the meeting to order at 11:45 A.M. There were 23 members, no new members, no first-time members and no guests in attendance. The following business was conducted:

Secretary's Report: Minutes from October meeting were accepted after the typographical error in date of Holiday Luncheon was corrected.

President's Report: None at this time.

Treasurer's Report: Len Ahlfeld reported a balance as of October 3, 2018 of \$48,609.34. After monthly administrative expenses and income there is a balance of \$43,407.93. Len highlighted income from coffee sales and Nook sales and a \$50 donation. The report will be filed subject to audit.

Library Report: Carrie reported the following:

Staffing: Samantha Burkett, Library Assistant, has been promoted to Library Associate, Circulation Supervisor at Bonita Springs. Her new role there started on October 25th. The vacant Library Assistant job will be posted soon. A new part-time page, Cynthia Drakes, began working on November 8th. Kelly Jones was hired to replace Marie Sullivan.

Collection: Circulation in October was 71,592. This is a YTD total of 804,411. (This is almost a 10,000 increase from YTD given on Monday at Board meeting!) 418 cards were issued in October. Total cardholders now number 46,349.

Building: Jill held a meeting with LK supervisors about getting new furniture for public and staff. Some new set-ups are being discussed to better meet the needs of patrons.

The building will be closed on Monday, November 12, 2018 (Veteran's Day Observance). It will close early on Wednesday, November 21, 2018, and will be closed Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23, 2018 (Thanksgiving).

Library Events: Read Between the Wines with Alex Berenson will be held on December 11, 2018 from 5 P.M. until 9 P.M. at the Club at Grandezza (Estro).

Evening with the Authors will be on March 1, 2019 from 5:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. on Capt. JP, a 3-story paddleboat offering a buffet dinner and cash bar.

Reading Festival is March 2, 2019, from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Carrie suggests going to readfest.org for author information.

A few questions were posed to Carrie. One was an inquiry about the pile of dirt in front of the library sign on Gladiolus Drive. Carrie has contacted the county and D.O.T. The dirt will be moved after all work is completed in that area. The second question dealt with the lack of a link to FOL web page from the Lakes Library site. Carrie will contact the webmaster about this.

Committee Reports:

Nook arrangements: Anita requested current fiction donations.

She announced a record-breaking number of books sold in September!

Anita explained the procedure for volunteering to work at the Book Sale. A blast email will be sent the week of November 12th. Members will be able to sign up on line, as was done last year. Should the need arise for a date/time change, that can be readily done from the site. Volunteers will be sent reminders of obligation times. If you would like to volunteer, but do not have an email address, please see Jane Ann. If you are not receiving the blast emails about the meetings, please contact an officer; this indicates that we have an incorrect email address for you.

Display Case: Lucy was absent. Jane Ann reported no change in the display case line-up for the next few months.

Lunch: Marge was absent, but a sign-up sheet for the Holiday Luncheon was available at the registration table. Jane Ann thanked Marianne for stepping up to handle the lunches today.

Membership: Jeanette was absent, but digitally sent her report. We currently have 22 lifetime members and 226 regular members. Although Cape Coral Friends is not considered a member, they do receive our newsletter. November resident addresses have been updated to the local address. Jeanette asks all members, especially those in chair positions, to check the expiration date on the newsletter.

Program: Cindy explained where she finds leads on authors and gave a brief run-down of upcoming presentations. She encourages all to check out the Focus for the list of what is yet to come.

Publicity: Ginny was absent. No report given.

Volunteers: Jane Ann reported that because of health issues, Julie Laffargue's last day in the Nook was Monday. Julie was a great addition to the Nook volunteers and will be missed.

Website: Mary was absent, but sent a digital report. We are averaging ten views per day. We had 305 views in September and 295 in October. These numbers are the same as those in-season, so we are starting to see a stable, year-round viewing base. We have 84 FB followers. A breakdown of page insight summary was given, thanks to Cindy.

Old Business: Lucy was absent. No report given. Jane Ann reported that Lucy is looking at new canvas bag vendors. A report will be given in the near future.

New Business: Flo Morris reported a slate of officers for the next term. All current officers agreed to serve for the next two years. The slate is:

President- Jane Ann Kennedy
Vice-President – Marge Ford
Secretary – Elizabeth Weaver
Treasurer – Len Ahlfeld

There were no nominations from the floor. The slate was approved. Thank you to Flo and to Johanna, the Nominating Committee.

Claudia enthusiastically encouraged members to sign-up to work at the Book Sale.

Our next meeting will be the Holiday Luncheon at Kelly Greens on December 14th.

The meeting closed at 12:18 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary