



General Membership Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2019

Treasurer Len Ahlfeld called the meeting to order at 11:45 A.M. There were 27 in attendance; no new members or first-time members. Len welcomed all and explained that Jane Ann was in the hospital in Grand Cayman, having broken her hip and would be out of commission for some time. The following business was conducted:

Secretary's Report: Minutes from February 8, 2019 were approved as read by Anita Jenkins, acting secretary.

President's Report: There was no president's report.

Treasurer's Report: Len reported a balance of \$51,933.00, noting that we had income of \$3069.00 and administrative expenses of \$848.93. Gift expenses were \$3973.11 to pay for airfare for Reading Festival authors. Len noted that we had pledged \$5000 to the Reading Festival and he would write a check for the balance.

Library Report: Carrie reported the following:

Staffing: New part-time page John Strickling joined us on February 28.

Circulation: February Circulation was 80,926, YTD being 193,387. Overdrive/ Libby downloads were 22,465.

Building: No update at this time.

Carrie also noted that the Evening with the Authors and the Reading Festival were very successful and enjoyable events, celebrating 20 years.

Committee Reports:

Nook arrangements: Anita reported a lack of donations and asked for some.

Display Case: Lucy was absent, no report. Snoopy is currently in the case.

Lunch: Marge was absent, but Marianne thanked members for their cooperation.

Membership: Jeanette stated that members should no longer get multiple emails, as her system is in full working order.

Program: Cindy is currently working on booking authors for 2020. She asked members to pass names of possible candidates onto her. The author for April 12 has cancelled and will be replaced by Tom Hale and Robin Tuttle, who have written Female Pioneers of Fort Myers and a 2-volume series titled Epic Fires of Fort Myers.

Publicity: Ginny stated that news releases for today's and all programs are sent to the usual publications.

Volunteers: In Jane Ann's absence, Liz Weaver will fill the Volunteer Chair position.

Website: Mary reported a decline in Facebook activity, but a 15% increase in website visits, which reflects approximately 100 visitors viewing 5 pages each.

Focus: Len noted articles should be turned in by the 12th.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business: There was no new business, however Carrie fielded several questions regarding Overdrive, Libby and Hoopla. She noted that patrons who use more than one library could double their access by utilizing both Lakes and their Northern libraries.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2019 at 11:45 A.M.
The meeting closed at 12:12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Jenkins
Acting Secretary