



General Membership Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 11:45 A.M. by President Jane Ann Kennedy. There were 14 members present. There were no new members nor members attending for the first time. The following business was conducted:

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the September meeting were approved as read.

President's Report: Jane Ann shared information from a variety of handouts about upcoming events. The hand-outs were available after the meeting at the registration table. Information included a report on the SRP, information on Fandom Fest and information on the Dunbar Cultural Landmark Tour.

Treasurer's Report: Len Ahlfeld reported that we are still 'in the money'. There was a balance of \$34,873.30 as of September 3, 2019. After income and expenses for the month, which included a payment to Kwik Kopy, and a gift expense of \$6,000 for winter programs, among others, a balance of \$29,393.46 was reported. Report was accepted pending audit.

Library Report: Carrie reported on the following:

Staffing: Part-time Page, Heath Callahan, has resigned. His last day was September 30th.

Interviews for this position have been scheduled.

Library Assistant position should be announced later this month.

Collections: Lakes YTD circulation is 707,284. September circulation was 62,678. Cardholders number 45,722 and new card holders number 337.

Facility: No report on renovations at this time, but Carrie pointed out the construction work on the roads for the new development is certainly well underway.

Programs: No report.

Requests: None.

Other: LCLS Upcoming Events;

Lee County United Way Fund-raising allows the staff to wear jeans and/or themed t-shirts to work for a dollar donation.

Read Between the Wines is SOLD OUT! It will be held Tuesday, November 5, 2019. Nelson and Alex DeMille will be featured.

Fandom Fest will be Saturday, December 7th. This event will feature Mega Ran, Tampa Taiko, MC Lars and Geekapella.

Evening with the Authors will be March 6th at the Marina at Edison Ford.

Reading Festival will be the following day at the FM Regional Library and campus.

Committee Reports:

Nook arrangements: Anita reported the Nook is doing well. The closets are filling up with donations. The paperback rack has been repaired.

Preparation and planning for Flash Media Sale is going well, but she is in need of a few more volunteers. Members are urged to sign up to work to set-up, sell, or clean up. Those who are not able to sign up via computer should contact Anita or an officer so that they can sign you up.

Display Case: Lucy was absent. No report given. Jane Ann informed members that the display case in

November will tribute veterans.

Focus: Any information for the November Focus should be to Len by October 15th.

Lunch: Marge reported on the upcoming Holiday Luncheon. It will be held on Friday, December 13 at Kelly Greens. The menu will be a buffet including Chicken Piccata, Broiled Flounder with Lobster Butter, Mixed Greens, and of course, a variety of desserts.

Membership: Jeanette was absent, but Jane Ann reported 220 total members: 24 Lifetime Members and 196 regular members.

Snowbirds may not have received their October Focus here in Fort Myers. There was a glitch with the mailing. Hopefully, this will be rectified next month.

Program: Cindy whet our appetites by showing us a peek at Connie Hope's cookbooks!

November's program will be Terry Malik, a writer from Chicago area. Robert Macomber will kick off January, D.L. Havlin will follow in February. March and April will focus on Tom Hall and Robin Tuthill and Robert Lane, respectively. May and September authors are in the works.

As always, please keep Cindy apprised of author information.

Publicity: Ginny was absent. No report given, but she continues to send out information and has already alerted the press about the upcoming Flash Sale. She will send out more information as the date nears.

Volunteers: Jane Ann stated everything is staffed.

Website: Mary reported electronically that September views were 219 (September 2018 was 306). We continue to have lower website traffic than last year; a fall out that started in February of 2019. Over the past 30 days FB posts reached 78 people (popped up on their FB page). 37 people engaged with our posts: shared, liked or commented.

Old Business: Friends of Library Week is October 20 through 26. Liz has signs ready to go and will hold a Chance Auction in the Nook for patrons. An explanation will be going out to volunteers soon. Carrie will have signs posted at various spots in the library. Liz stated this is the week to celebrate US!

Audit was done on October 5. Nancy Gallaher reviewed and approved the treasurer's bookkeeping. Nancy commended Len on his excellent bookkeeping.

New Business:

Our next meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2019 at 11:45 A.M.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:12 P.M..

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth M. Weaver, Secretary