



Minutes for General Membership Meeting
Friday, January 12, 2018

President Jane Ann Kennedy called the meeting to order at 11:45 A.M. There were 23 members in attendance. There were no guests.

Minutes of the November 10, 2017 meeting were approved as read.

President's Report: Jane Ann informed the membership the chairman position for the Appreciation Tea has been filled. Planning for the Tea has begun.

Treasurer's Report: Len Ahlfeld reported a balance, as of December 31, 2017, of \$37,805.60. Len also shared a detailed accounting of income and expenses for 2017; Income for 2017 was \$33,563.73, Expenses were \$23,163.46. He pointed out that "Administrative Costs" referred to items such as tax and bank fees.

Library Report: A question was posed asking about the one million dollar bequest to Lakes. Carrie informed the membership that the LCLS administration was addressing a plan for the funds and although there were no specifics at this time, she will keep us updated on the decisions.

Carrie reported on the following:

Staffing: Promotions are good reasons for staff changes! Malka Tarannum was promoted from full-time Library Page to Library Assistant, effective December 21, 2017. Evelyn Valdes was promoted Library Assistant to Library Associate at Fort Myers. Barb Scott, Library Assistant, retired January 4, 2018. Her position has been posted wide and interviews for this position will be held on January 17, 2018. Sydney Angeloff Kirby was promoted from Part-time Page to Part-time Assistant at Pine Island. Interviews for her position will be held January 11, 2018. As of January 8, 2018 the position of 'floater' (formerly Tom Hutchinson) is posted internally. Kevin French has replaced Kevin Delaney at the Circulation Desk.

Collections: Lakes YTD circulation is 980,830. December circulation was 73,064. The library was closed 9 days more than typical; darn Irma! There are currently 45,814 cardholders at Lakes! 311 cards were requested in December.

Programs: The staff has begun shopping for program supplies. They, again, thank the Friends for the financial support.

Nook: Anita reported a stocked Nook and reminded members of the upcoming Book Sale. She reviewed the schedule and reported a few openings that needed to be filled. Reminders will be sent to those who have volunteered to work.

Display Case: Lucy was absent, but Jane Ann urged the members wishing to display their collectibles in the case to contact Lucy by using the Friends g-mail account. Lucy will then get back to you to finalize plans.

Focus: Len asked the membership for their opinion of the spruced up newsletter. Positive remarks were made. The color will remain in the FOCUS. Len asked that all information for the next FOCUS be given to him by January 17.

Lunch: Marge was absent. Jane Ann thanked Flo and Jeanette for stepping up in her absence.

Membership: Jeanette reported 2 new members and 15 renewals in the month of December. Renewal members will have their pick of bookmarks and new members will receive a gift certificate to the Nook.

Program: No report given; Cindy was absent because of recent shoulder surgery. Lisa Black will be our next author presenting.

Publicity: Ginny was absent, but members were reminded to check the *Florida Weekly* for announcements. Facebook Live will publicize the upcoming Book Sale and the *News Press* will have a write up and a photo of the event.

Volunteers: Jane Ann reported that all positions are filled, but the flu is hitting hard. If you are a sub, be prepared to be called.

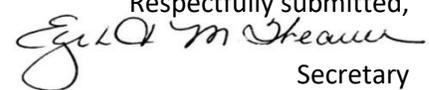
Website: Mary reported that our website is 'the place to go'. Find updates with a click of the keyboard. Irma again took a toll on hits this past year, but there have been 133 visitors in the first 10 days of January. If you are looking for things a little less formal, check out Face Book.

Old Business: after the Barnes and Noble Book Fair we were able to contribute a bit more than \$2500 to the next summer's reading program. Jennet has been made aware of the money to be donated as well as boxes of books that will be stashed until summer rolls around. Jane Ann was happy to announce that the Rotary Club of Fort Myers South has pledged \$2500 and has given a promise to solicit the other Rotary groups to pledge with a goal of \$10,000. The day was not an easy one, but it can be deemed successful! It will not be done again, so let's begin to think of a way to support the Summer Reading Program 2019. Jane Ann thanked all for their support in this endeavor.

New Business: Jane Ann discussed the option of selling new canvas bags advertising Friends of Lakes. She explained all the discussion the Board has had in recent months. She showed two styles of bags and asked for input. Anita showed an example of a "middle of the line" bag. She will research prices of such bags. Discussion was held. It was decided to table decision making until Lucy was present and more information could be given.

The next meeting will be February 9, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary