



Minutes for General Membership Meeting
Friday, February 9, 2018

President Jane Ann Kennedy called the meeting to order at 11:45 A.M. There were 33 members, 1 new member and 1 guest in attendance.

Minutes of the January 12, 2018 meeting were approved as read.

President's Report: Jane Ann thanked Anita and all volunteers who worked the Book Sale and congratulated all on the huge success.

Treasurer's Report: Len Ahlfeld reported a balance, as of January 31, 2018, of \$45,987.59. Len pointed out the Book Sale income, not including Nook sales on the same day, of \$6,069.40.

Len noted some specific line items including liability insurance. The report was filed, subject to audit.

Library Report: Carrie reported on the following:

Staffing: A new staff member will be joining Lakes on February 15, 2018. Interviews continue for the Library Assistant position. The library floater position will be reposted soon. Carrie informed the membership there were 31 staff members at Lakes when fully staffed.

Collections: Lakes YTD circulation is 103,380. January circulation was 93,475. Library cardholders number 45,958 with 623 new cards in January.

Programs: 102 guests enjoyed the program on Mary Todd Lincoln. Another one hundred children and their parents enjoyed the program on weather. Carrie and Chrissie have completed their second shopping spree excursion and all is running smoothly. Additional items have been identified and will be purchased with Friends Funds for Programming.

Reading Festival: will be held on March 3, 2018, with *Evening with the Authors* being held on March 2, 2018. Both events will be held at the Fort Myers Library and Campus.

Summer Reading: John Storms and Joey and Alex have been booked.

Building: Representation from the Library Administration, Jill, Carrie and project managers met to discuss a building refresh using the Prigmore bequest. During this planning stage, a list of priorities that will benefit the patrons of the library, including, but not limited to, improvements in the restrooms, AMH and service desks and a build-out of the Teen Area were discussed. An architect will be hired soon and work hopefully, will begin this summer.

Nook: Anita reported a 'new look in the Nook' referring to the new lanyards and nametags for Nook volunteers. She thanked Liz for making these. She is asking again for donations. The Nook is in need. Anita thanked the library staff for their help in setting up for the Sale on the Thursday evening prior. She thanked the 12, which became 24, volunteers who unloaded and sorted boxes on Friday morning, the 24 volunteers who worked the Sale and those who showed on Monday to pack up leftover books. Friday's sale for members only earned \$1,400 and the total made, \$6,069.40, exceeded 2015's \$4,000, and 2016's \$5,000. Great job, everyone!

Display Case: Lucy reminded collectors to contact her if they would like to display items. She hopes all enjoy the *Wizard of Oz* display in February and the Shrimp Boat model in March.

Focus: Len asked that all information for the Focus be sent to him by February 15. Because of season traffic he will be ordering 100 extra copies.

Lunch: Marge was happy at the large number of lunches ordered. She was thrilled to hear from new attendees. Marge apologized to those who may have waited longer than normal for her to respond; she was in California and did not read the email as quickly as she typically does.

Jane Ann asked for volunteers to help Marge when needed.

Membership: Jeanette was absent, but Jane Ann reported 278 members on the mailing list which includes 15 Friends groups and local libraries. There are currently 20 lifetime members.

Program: Cindy is back and assured us the author in March will not disappoint. Susie Weinherth's motto of "you're never too old to follow your dreams" will surely be interesting.

Publicity: Ginny was absent, but Jane Ann reminded members to check the *Florida Weekly*. They do publicize our meetings.

Volunteers: Jane Ann reported that all positions are filled in the Nook.

Website: Mary was absent, but reported at the Board Meeting a 5% decrease in views from 2016 to 2017. January views were down 32% from last January despite a boost of activity during the week of the Book Sale. The site is up-to-date.

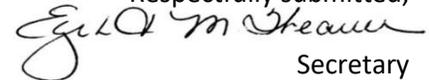
Old Business: The canvas bag purchase has been put on hold. More research on prices is being done. The Volunteer Tea is slated for February 28. More information will be forthcoming to all who volunteer in the many Friends activities.

New Business: Jane Ann reported on *Evening with the Authors*. March 2, 2018 is the date. Event will be held at the downtown FM library from 6:00 P.M. until 8:30 P.M. The cost is \$40. Registration is online at readfest.org and closes on February 23, 2018.

The Reading Festival will be held on March 3, 2018 from 10 A.M. until 4 P.M. at the FM library. Parking for both events will be limited. Check LCLS overdrive for highlights of authors participating.

The next meeting will be March 9, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:13.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary