



Minutes for General Membership Meeting
Friday, March 9, 2018

President Jane Ann Kennedy called the meeting to order at 11:45 A.M. There were 35 members and 1 new member in attendance.

Minutes of the February 9, 2018 meeting were approved as read.

President's Report: Jane Ann reported on the new format and new venue of *Evening with the Authors*. She is anxious to hear the comments of others and the official report on the event.

Treasurer's Report: Len Ahlfeld reported a balance, as of February 28, 2018, of \$47,158.60. He pointed out some specific line items and explained costs. The report was filed, subject to audit.

Library Report: Carrie reported on the following:

Staffing: Elizabeth McLaughlin was welcomed to Lakes on February 15th. She replaces Sidney Angeloff Kirby who was promoted to part-time Library Assistant at Pine Island. Library Assistant Julie Thompson started on March 1st replacing the retired Barb Scott. The new Library Assistant Floater is expected to start on March 29th. Carrie is optimistic about next week's interviews for full-time Page. This position is vacant because of Lindsay Jagger's promotion to Library Assistant at NW.

Collections: Lakes YTD circulation is 196,048. February circulation was 83,309. Library cardholders number 45,815 with 444 new cards in February.

Programs: Rusty Brown will present a program to be held on Thursday, March 15 at 2 P.M. Friends are funding this event. Please try to attend.

Reading Festival: There are no official statistics at this time, but both *Evening with the Authors* and the Reading Festival were well attended and enjoyed.

Building: Meetings and planning continue for improvements to Lakes Library with the Prigmore bequest. No specifics yet, but Friends will be kept apprised.

Lee County Library System news: Groundbreaking for the Bonita Springs library was March 8th. Completion of the 2 story, 31,000 square foot facility is expected in 2019.

Nook: Anita reported that donations continue to come in and are greatly appreciated.

Display Case: Lucy was absent. No report given, but check out the Shrimp Boat models. If you would care to share your collection contact Lucy at the Friends email address and she will be in touch.

Focus: Len asked that all information for the Focus be sent to him by March 15.

Lunch: Marge was absent, no report given, but thank you to Marriane Reil for stepping up and assisting Marge with lunches. Lunches for today are here and ready to go.

Membership: Jeanette reported 194 members; 20 of those are lifetime members. There is one local Friends group on our mailing list for Focus. New badges are being made for new and renewal members. Members who renew are reminded to pick up their free bookmark in the Nook.

Program: Cindy whet our appetites for upcoming April speaker, Jane Vogel and her Grill It or Skillet book presentation. Our year will wrap up in May with Terry Sykes-Bradshaw and The Awful Truth About Dead Men.

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

Volunteers: Jane Ann reported that all positions are filled in the Nook. Thanks to the snowbirds who have been subbing.

Website: Mary was absent. No report given.

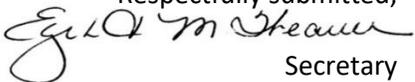
Old Business: The canvas bag purchase has been put on hold. More research on prices is being done.

The Volunteer Tea was held on February 28 and was a success. Thirty-four people were in attendance; 4-5 attendees were library administration. Refreshments were sandwiches from Publix and cookies from BJ's. The leftovers were donated to the library staff. Thanks to Bernie and Jerry for their hard work. Jane Ann thanked the library staff for their help in setting up the room. It was suggested that next year new flowers be purchased for the tables.

New Business: There was none.

The next meeting will be April 13, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary