



General Membership Minutes  
April 13, 2018

President Jane Ann Kennedy called the meeting to order at 11:45 A.M. There were 22 members and no guests in attendance.

The following business was conducted:

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from March 9 were approved and accepted as read.

**President's Report:** Jane Ann reminded the membership this was National Library Week. On behalf of FOL she thanked Carrie and the staff for all their hard work and dedication.

She informed the group of the article on libraries in *The Florida Weekly* and suggested we each read it.

**Treasurer's Report:** Len Ahlfeld reported a balance, as of March 31, 2018, of \$42,773.11. Len reviewed some line items: SunBiz Org/FL and File 990.Org IRS are yearly filings which must be filed with the state and the federal government respectively. The payment for the Book Page has been paid for the year as opposed to monthly payments for easier bookkeeping. The report was accepted and filed for audit.

**Library Report:** Carrie reported the following:

*Staffing:* Kevin French has resigned as of March 24. Interviews have already taken place and Carrie hopes to announce his replacement with a start date of April 26. Albert Ranallo is the new Library Assistant - Floater who started on March 29. This is a promotion for him from page. He previously worked in the Lehigh Acres location. The FT page position has not yet been filled.

*Collection:* Circulation in March was 89,376. YTD circulation is 294,804. New library cards in March number 459 with a total of library cardholders at 45,805.

*Building and computers:* New check-out machines were installed on April 5<sup>th</sup>. These are ADA compliant and have a much more responsive touch screen. Scanner is able to read a picture of a library card on a smart phone.

Staff computers have been updated to Windows 10. Public computers update will follow.

*Requests:* Carrie thanked Friends for the donation for Summer Reading Program, *Reading Rocks*.

Sandy Jordan complimented the library on the wonderful new app, Libby, an extension of Overdrive. With the help of a staff member Sandy downloaded the app and has used it with great success. Her husband has also enjoyed the app and is enjoying having the ability to adjust print size.

**Committee Reports:**

**Nook arrangements:** Anita reported donations are coming in and that we are surpassing sales. She asked for volunteers who would like to be 'on call' to help her box, pick up and deliver donations to the Nook when need be. She met with those interested after the meeting.

**Display Case:** Lucy was absent; no report given. Jane Ann reminded members to contact Lucy at the Friends g-mail account if they have a collection to display in the future.

**Focus:** Len asked for all articles and information to be sent to him by April 17, 2018

**Lunch:** Marge thanked Marianne and Flo for their help in getting the lunch orders this month. She also had a 'shout out' to Sandy Jordan for her pleasant voice mail requesting lunch!

**Membership:** Jeanette was absent, but sent in the report stating there are currently 230 members; 21 of whom are lifetime members. One local Friends group is considered a member.

Jeanette has sent an email notice warning members who have not rejoined that they will be removed from the mailing list if the membership is not renewed. May's newsletter will be the last Focus mailed to non-members.

**Program:** Cindy announced that Terry Sykes -Bradshaw will wrap up the spring. She reported work on next season's calendar. She has set up another banner season which will include Robert Macomber in January 2019.

**Publicity:** Ginny reported her committee is running smoothly.

**Volunteers:** Jane Ann stated everything is running smoothly as she fills in "Snow Bird Spaces" with the regular volunteers.

**Website:** Mary was absent. No report given.

**Old Business:** Canvas bags are still on hold.

**New Business:** There was none.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2018 at 11:45 A.M.

The meeting closed at 12:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Secretary