

**LAKE WALES LIBRARY BOARD  
MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2021 AT 4:00 PM  
LAKE WALES PUBLIC LIBRARY SCHOENOFF MEETING ROOM**

Members in attendance: Allison Kapphan, Imelda Tice and Chayla Outing

Staff in attendance: Tina Peak, Jennifer D'Hollander and Dorinda Mosby

Guest: Brandon Alvarado

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The meeting was called to order by Allison Kapphan.

**Review of the Meeting Minutes for August through December 2020**

A motion to approve the August, September, October, November and December meeting minutes was made by Imelda Tice and seconded by Chayla Outing. There was no discussion, the motion was carried.

**Library Board Applicant**

Lake Wales resident, Brandon Alvarado was introduced. Brandon is the Education Coordinator for the Lake Wales Arts Council. He has applied for one of the two openings on the Lake Wales Library/Museum Board. Mr. Alvarado introduced himself to those in attendance, explaining his civic involvement in the community. He is very happy to have the opportunity to volunteer at the Lake Wales Public Library. The duties and responsibilities were described to him. Mr. Alvarado will attend the January 16, 2021 Lake Wales City Commission Meeting with Tina. His appointment will be reviewed at this meeting, and he'll have an opportunity to introduce himself to the commissioners.

**Library Updates**

Tina explained a new program that the Lake Wales Public Library will be hosting titled *Lake Wales Reads*. Funding for the program is provided by a grant from the Florida's Natural Growers Foundation and the Lake Wales Library Association. This reading challenge invites patrons, age 18 and older, to read 50 books from January 4, 2021 until December 10, 2021. Everyone who meets the challenge by December 10, 2021 will be entered into a drawing for prizes with the grand prize being a \$200 Visa gift card. Rules and packets can be picked up, emailed to patrons or downloaded from the Lake Wales Public Library website.

Tina reported that the Lake Wales Library Association will host *Love Your Library* during the month of February 2021. This event is usually a week-long event but is expanding for 2021 to a full month.

Tina reported the COVID19 impact on the library, which has had only two positive cases so far, and a third case which is believed to be COVID related but undetermined at this time.

Tina reported that the foot traffic was slow during the holidays but seems to gradually be picking since the beginning of 2021.

Tina reported that the Lake Wales Public Library will be hosting the Lake Wales Student Art Show during the month of February. The City of Lake Wales has also approved for the Lake Wales Arts Festival to be held at the end of February.

Tina gave an update on the locker situation at the Lake Wales Public Library. The lockers have been installed and are waiting for a canvas awning to be installed, hopefully within the next two weeks.

### **Museum Update**

Jennifer reported that the Lake Wales History Museum reopened in late October 2020 with low attendance. She also reported that attendance was picking up during the holidays and is hopeful it is on the upswing because of the new displays.

Jennifer reported that the renovations to the 1916 Seaboard Coastal Building/Mimi Hardman Collections Center project has been completed. The dedication and ribbon cutting will be on Saturday, January 23, 2021 at 10:00am. The dedication ceremony will feature presentations by former Florida State Senator, J.D. Alexander, Lake Wales' Deputy Mayor, Robin Gibson and Travis Chapin, President of the Friends of the Museum. The *Quilts and Artwork Exhibit* will also be up and running by the dedication.

Jennifer also reported that the Museum's Collections Management Deaccession Policy needs to be updated. Jennifer is working on the revisions. The Lake Wales Library/Museum Board will receive a copy prior to the next meeting to review. This policy will require board approval.

Jennifer reported that there will be a Downtown Architectural Walking Tour this Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup> and there are 30 reservations. There is also a Florida Humanities Council Speaker Series Virtual Event 'Indians at the Post Office' on Thursday, January 14, 2021 @ 6:00pm.

### **Other Business**

Tina went over the November 2020 library statistical reports.

Tina reviewed the Student PLUS Accounts items that are considered lost during the 2019-2020 school year. The cost of the items that need to be replaced will be provided by the Polk County Library Cooperative. There are 400 library items and twelve Bookmobile items that are lost through PLUS account borrowers. Tina will include a reminder in the next Lake Wales Public Library Newsletter regarding the lost items.

It was discussed that student field trips are not being allowed during this time because of COVID19. Therefore, the kid's room at the Lake Wales Public Library was offering 'Game Night' bags for something for the kids to do during this time.

Tina spoke about the Lake Wales Library Association past president, Chip Thullbery, who has passed away. The new President Jodie Schmidt and the Association Board are reviewing the Lake Wales Library Association giving free legal advice/service for the underprivileged in Chip's name.

The next meeting of the Lake Wales Library Board is scheduled for Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 4 pm. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please email [library@lakewalesfl.gov](mailto:library@lakewalesfl.gov).

There was no further business. The meeting was adjourned by Allison Kapphan.

Submitted by

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Allison Kapphan, Chairman

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Dorinda Mosby, Library Assistant