

Library Advisory Board
September 21, 2006
Milton, Florida

The Library Advisory Board met on the above date with the following members present: Chairman Peggy Toifel, Vice Chairman Jacqueline Wiscaver, and members Martha Lyle and Michael Sandler. Also present were the County Administrator (Hunter Walker), Grants Coordinator (Sharon Marsh), and Library Director (Linda Hendrix). Toifel called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Commissioner Bob Cole opened the meeting in prayer and those present joined in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. He commended the Library Advisory Board and welcomed everyone in attendance. Toifel welcomed everyone in attendance.

Lyle moved approval of the minutes from the August 17, 2006 meeting; Sandler seconded, and the vote carried unanimously. (4-0)

Library Director's Report

Hendrix provided a Power Point Presentation regarding the transition year in review (Attachment in File). She said the process began in August 2005 when the Board of County Commissioners decided to establish the Santa Rosa County Library System. Hendrix said the actual library transition began in October 2005 with a completion date of October 2006. She reviewed the transition progress and goals in detail.

Hendrix said the Santa Rosa County Library System became live on August 1 st with new software. She said a lot of the Friends of the Library groups participated as volunteers tirelessly helping with the library system transition. Hendrix said the first weeks of the new Library System were fairly seamless.

Hendrix reviewed community events the Library System participated in and the media coverage informing citizens of the new Library System. She also reviewed statistics regarding the first month of full operation and new library features.

Hendrix said along with today's celebration there are community celebrations scheduled on September 29 th and 30 th . She said the Chamber of Commerce in each community will assist with ribbon cutting ceremonies. Hendrix invited everyone in the communities to attend the opening house events of the new Santa Rosa County Library System.

Recognition Presentations – Chairman

Hendrix thanked the Board of County Commissioners for allowing and funding the Santa Rosa County Library System. She presented Certificates of Appreciation to Board of County Commissioner's Chairman Bob Cole and Commissioner Don Salter. Hendrix discussed establishment of this historical event in Santa Rosa County. She recognized with sincere gratitude all the volunteers, county officials, and county staff that assisted with the library transition over the past year. Hendrix named each county department and its employees that assisted and recognized very important partnerships with the news media. Hendrix recognized library staff who make it possible for citizens to find what they are looking for at the libraries. She said the Santa Rosa County Library System is the result of a huge collaborative team effort.

Toifel reviewed her public library career and acknowledged the five Santa Rosa County Library Advisory Board members. She also acknowledged the 17 members of the Santa Rosa County Citizens' Planning Committee and the Library Foundation Planning Group. Toifel presented the Library administrative staff with a plaque and thanked them for all their work. Joan McLendon with the Milton Library presented Hendrix with a memory quilt to hang in her office.

Sandler presented a plaque of recognition to Navarre Library and recognized the Friends of the Navarre Library group.

Lyle, standing in for Rose, presented a plaque of recognition to Gulf Breeze Library and recognized the Friends of the Gulf Breeze Library group.

Wiscaver presented a plaque of recognition to Jay Library and recognized the Friends of the Jay Library group.

Toifel presented a plaque of recognition to Milton Library and recognized the Friends of the Milton Library group.

Toifel said a plaque will be presented to Pace Library when it is complete. Terry Jesmonth recognized the Friends of the Pace Library group.

Toifel said library staff will be acknowledged during the community open house events. She invited everyone present to the reception in the Board of County Commissioners office following the meeting.

Other Business/Adjournment

Walker said Santa Rosa County appreciates everyone's hard work. He said community ownership is very important and a good partnership.

There being no further business to come before the Library Advisory Board at this time, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.