

**VILLAGE OF NORTH PALM BEACH  
LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 26, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Christine DelGuzzi called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Julie Morrell, Library Manager

Christine DelGuzzi, Chairperson

Phyllis Wissner, Vice Chairperson

Bonnie Jenkins, Secretary

Tina Chippas, Member

Carolyn Kost, Member

Brad Avakian, Member – by phone

Leslie Metz, Member

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Carolyn Kost made a motion to accept the Minutes for the July 26, 2022 meeting. Phyllis Wissner seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

**LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**

Library Manager Julie Morrell reported the following:

- Facilities:
  - A deposit has been paid to R. George to begin the upstairs remodel. Wooden shelving has been ordered. New carpets will be ordered after the shelves are received.
- Staff:
  - There remains one open position; one staff member is on leave.
- Children's Programming
  - Four daytime story times continue each week on Tuesdays with an average of 40 parents and children attending
  - Children's craft programs average 20 weekly.
  - Partnership with TCS
    - Visits (which were stopped in March 2020) will resume when school starts in August.
    - Each student will be offered a library card application. This year the card will go home with the student for afterschool/weekend usage.
    - Teachers will get a class card and any book checked out during these visits will stay in the class room.
  - Summer Programming, *Oceans of Possibilities* is concluded:
    - Due to popularity of these programs, adult programs and offerings on Teacher workdays is being reviewed.
  - The Palm Beach County School District Free Lunch and Snacks program ends July 29.
    - NPB Library will host this program again next year, possibly adding a third day.

- Manager Morrell made a presentation regarding Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library Foundation.
  - This organization mails an age appropriate book to all registered children ages 0-5 on a monthly basis.
  - A sponsor is required to fund this.
  - Only one affiliate is in Palm Beach County, in the western Glades area.
  - See new business for Board discussion.
- Teen Programming:
  - Teen volunteers were very helpful throughout the summer.
- Adult Programming:
  - Knit and Crochet continues on Mondays with 12 to 13 attendees.
  - Friday Yoga in the Park has stopped until October.
  - 12 members of the Book Club discussed *The Hotel Nantucket* by Elin Hilderbrand on July 7
  - Guest speaker with Dr. Stefan Harzen of the Taras Foundation presented a lecture on World Oceans Day, June 8<sup>th</sup>;
    - The public learned about dolphins and the conservation efforts of the Taras Foundation.
  - Great Courses Lectures continued;
    - A History of India - attended by approximately 21 patrons so far.
    - Topic concluded today (July 26).
    - Travel videos will begin in October.
- Circulation continues to increase overall

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Regarding Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library Foundation:

- Carolyn Kost expressed concern over lack of performance metrics of the organization regarding the encouragement of reading and literacy. The possible lack of sustainability of receiving a book through the mail and the encouragement of consumerism versus sharing resources.
- Bonnie Jenkins questioned the need of this service in an urban area; the rural nature of the Glades supports the efficacy of this program there.
- Other members were in agreement with both statements, but all agreed that putting a book into a child’s hands is never a bad thing.
- Ms. Kost will obtain the organizations latest 501(c) annual report and bring it in next month.

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Carolyn Kost motioned to adjourn the meeting. Phyllis Wissner seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:23pm.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 23, 2022, at 7:00pm in the Obert Room.

Respectfully submitted by Bonnie Jenkins