

Library Board Minutes of the Meeting held
April 9, 2024 at 5:00 pm.

APALACHICOLA MARGARET KEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Regular Meeting of the Library Advisory Board

~ Mission Statement ~

“The Apalachicola Margaret Key Library contributes to a healthy, vibrant community by helping citizens create and live their best life.”

Meeting Location:

Old Library Building

Meeting was called to order by Sondra Taylor-Furbee, Chairperson, at 5:08 pm

Voting Board Members Present:

Dolores Croom

Audie Pieper

Sondra Taylor-Furbee

Ex-Officio Members and Others Present:

Lucy Carter, Library Director

Liz Perkins, PALS Representative

Carol Hoadley, Philaco Club Representative

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

The minutes were accepted as presented

Director’s Report Highlights:

VITA group has helped 60 people with their taxes to date

The Easter Bunny came to the library

Will have first Gulf Coast State College GED information session

Hole in the Wall owner made a major donation of many items including a cotton candy machine and bouncy house

Second Harvest has dropped in twice to see if patrons need help applying food stamps and other services. The library may be able to work with them

Spring Break programs were done with help from PALS and Plain Aire artist. Tie Die was a big hit.

The library is looking for an artist who wants to teach an adult art classes.

A new Sailing Club is using the meeting room.

Fly Fishing people are also using the meeting room and are interested in teaching fly fishing classes.

Adventures Begins At Your Library is the theme for the summer reading program

Lucy is looking at creating a scavenger hunt program at the library

A major donation of The Apalachicola Times was made to the library

The four cypress trees at the library need to be replaced due to disease

PALS Report Highlights:

Library Music Series

Hosted final two performers: Emily Thompson (Celtic) & Bernard Simmons (Rock/Soul)

Excellent attendance for entire series

Library Newsletter

Winter issue released on February 23rd

PALS Book Sale

Held on Saturday, March 9th at the library

Sold 99 bags @ \$5, plus a few donations.

Total raised \$536

Spring Break Art Week

PALS board members Celia Winterringer, Elly Bissen, & Connie Justice were important helpers

Landscape Master Plan

Lucy & Liz met with city commissioner & library liaison Despina George to inform her of our plans.

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Lucy & Liz met with We Love Land to discuss project parameters

Next step: sign contract & initiate plan.

Upcoming

Classic Movie Night, April 18th, THEM! (1954) 1950s sci-fi; atomic fears worked out by proxy.

As always, PALS volunteers hosted crafts, volunteered for Homework help & Vita Tax

Prep, ran eBay book store, hosted STEAM @Project Impact, worked the desk, updated the bulletin board, brought snacks for music events....

Philaco Club Report

The Education and Library Committee, with Carol Hoadley and Connie Finneran, are working on judging the scholarship applications. These are for high school seniors. They have not had many applications but have reached out to Conservation Corp. all libraries, schools and home schoolers.

Old Business

The board members discussed and approved the changes that Lucy Carter made in the Library of Things Policy Manual. Lucy used the Orange County document as a model for the revisions.

New Business

The was no new business

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 6:07

Next Meeting: May 14, 2024, 5:00pm.