

FLORIDA PUBLIC LIBRARY
Monthly Meeting Minutes – January 4, 2021 via Zoom

I. Call to Order: 6:39 p.m.

Board Members Present: N. Scott, D. Arcieri, C. Lillard, S. Kosior, R. Kamrowski, L. Fernandez
Board Members Excused:
Board Members Absent: K. Lundell
Also Present:

II. Minutes

Motion by R. Kamrowski seconded by D. Arcieri to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2020 monthly meeting as printed.

VOTE: YES 6 NO 0

III. Announcements and Comments from the Public - None

IV. Treasurer's Report

Motion by C. Lillard seconded by S. Kosior to accept the financial report for December as printed.

VOTE: YES 6 NO 0

V. Warrant Schedule for January

Motion by N. Scott seconded by L. Fernandez to approve the Warrant Schedule for January as printed.

VOTE: YES 6 NO 0

VI. Director's Report

Motion by S. Kosior seconded by D. Arcieri to accept the Director's Report as corrected. The circulation figures for December were added to the report.

VOTE: YES 6 NO 0

VII. Communications – Florida Chamber of Commerce, letter of thanks

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Finance – Trustee Kamrowski – 2021-2022 Proposed Budget, see motion below

B. Personnel – Trustee Lillard - No

C. Nominating – Trustee Lundell - No

D. House - Trustee Arcieri - No

IX. Unfinished Business

A. Long Range Plan – Staff is working on goals and objectives

B. Library of Things

Motion by D. Arcieri seconded by C. Lillard to revise the Library of Things Waiver and Indemnification Form, effective 1/4/2021, as follows:

Paragraph 1 now reads “The tools and equipment in our Library of Things are for use by library patrons with a valid Florida Public Library card, in good standing.”

Change to read “The tools and equipment in our Library of Things are for use by library patrons with a valid card in good standing from any RCLS member library.”

VOTE: YES 6 NO 0

Rationale: Opening up the Library of Things will promote circulation as well as facilitate programming partnerships with patrons from neighboring libraries, especially instructors for the Repair Café run by Sustainable Warwick.

X. New Business

A. Donations

\$150 – Thomas and Deborah Cronin

\$100 – Bob and Nancy Scott in memory of Michael Connelly

\$10 - Marie Arnstein

Motion by C. Lillard seconded by D. Arcieri to accept \$260 from the donors, to thank them and to credit this amount to the Donations line (4050) of the budget.

VOTE: YES 6 NO 0

B. Targeted Donations

\$50 – Suzanne Skeels for Adult Programs

Motion by S. Kosior seconded by N. Scott to accept \$50, thank the donor and credit this amount to the Targeted Donations line (4060) and the Adult Programs line (5241) of the budget.

VOTE: YES 6 NO 0

C. Tax Cap Override Resolution

Motion by R. Kamrowski seconded by L. Fernandez to adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, the adoption of the 2021-2022 budget for the Florida Public Library requires a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by state law as outlined in General Municipal Law Section 3-c adopted in 2011; and

Whereas, General Municipal Law Section 3-c expressly permits the library board to override the tax levy limit by resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of the qualified board members, now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Florida Public Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 2021-2022 by at least sixty percent of the Board of Trustees as required by state law on January 4, 2021.

VOTE: YES 5 NO 1

D. Proposed Budget for 2021-2022 Fiscal Year

Motion by Ronald Kamrowski, Finance Committee Chairman, to approve the adoption of the proposed budget for 2021-2022 in the amount of \$548,627, including a tax levy of \$493,127 to be approved by the voters of the Florida Union Free School District on April 8, 2021, as printed/corrected.

VOTE: YES 5 NO 1

Note: As this motion is put forward by a committee it does not require a second.

E. Items for future agendas

1. Add Juneteenth holiday to Personnel Policy
2. Long Range Plan

XI. Adjournment

Motion by L. Fernandez seconded by C. Lillard to adjourn at 7:10 p.m.

VOTE: YES 6 NO 0

Next Meeting: Regular Monthly Meeting, Monday, February 1, 6:30 p.m.

