

TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD  
JOHN F. GERMANY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
DECEMBER 6, 2018

**Members Present:** Felicia Pecora (Chair), Phyllis Alpert (Vice Chair), Shelley Blood (Secretary), Carmen Alvarez, Bob Argus, Maggie Coleman, Jim Johnson, Candi Martin, and Vernon Noronha.

**Members Absent:** Ben Hom.

**Library Administration/Guests:** Andrew Breidenbaugh, Aracelis Chapman, Sheryl Herold, Bridgett Lattimore, David Wullschleger, Janet Marnatti, Lorie Tonti, Chely Cantrell, Janet Marnatti, Renelda Sells, Roland Ford, Candy Granda, Lisa Wagner and Sarah Watts Casinger.

The meeting was called to order at 4 pm with a quorum present.

Chair Pecora led the Library Board in observing a moment of silence in memory of the passing of the 41<sup>st</sup> U.S. President, George H.W. Bush.

Volunteers--Ann Marks of Lutz Library and Dolly Williams of Jan Platt— were presented with certificates of recognition for having generously donated over 1,000 hours of service in support of our Libraries.

Minutes from October 25, 2018 were approved.

There were no presentations from the public.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Finance & Planning Committee

The FY2019 monthly budget report for October 2018 was reviewed along with the Monthly Library Activity and Branch summaries.

Staff presented an overview of the background, process and findings of the Transformative Urban Libraries study and its implications for our libraries.

Staff distributed information in preparation for the review of FY20 CIP unfunded priorities starting next month.

The next meeting of the Finance & Planning Committee is scheduled for Thursday, January 24, 2018, 3 pm at Port Tampa City Library.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Nominating Committee presented its recommendation that the current officers serve another term. No other nominations from the floor were proposed. **The Library Board unanimously voted to re-elect the current officers for another term:**

- **Felicia Pecora, Chair**
- **Phyllis Alpert, Vice Chair**
- **Shelley Blood, Secretary**

Staff informed the Library Board that the room naming request in honor of Christine Kazor, which had been approved at the October meeting, received the full support of the Friends of Riverview Library.

**A revised Library holiday closing schedule was approved.**

NEW BUSINESS—None.

#### ADVOCACY REPORTS

Shelley Blood put Tampa Bay History Center staff in contact with the coordinator of the Annual Storytelling Festival for a possible collaboration.

Felicia Pecora reminded everyone about the Florida Library Association advocacy platform.

#### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Library Board members and others interested in donating to disaster relief efforts may do so through donations through the American Library Association website or the American Red Cross.

Discussed State Aid funding in light of the recent elections.

Staff recently met with County leadership regarding budget priorities and plan to bring back a proposal to augment service and budgets to incentivize digital resources.

Introduced branch supervisor, Sarah Watts-Cassinger and Regional Manager, Lisa Wagner.

Trend data for the John F. Germany Public Library facility was shared for future discussion.

An update was provided regarding bids and groundbreaking plans for the new Riverview Library construction.

The next Staff Training Day is being planned for February 18, 2019 the focus of which will be safety and security. All Library Board members are invited to participate.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.

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