

# **Hendry County Library Cooperative Minutes**

## **Informational Session**

5/5/22

Present: Natasha Hayes, Toni Couse, Jackie Espinoza, Gretchen Debree, Nicole Hellard. Absent were Carol Rushing and Patrick Bridwell. Visitor was Anne Little.

The Hendry County Library Cooperative Board was called to order by Toni Couse at the Harlem Library. The vote to accept the minutes was tabled. There is not a quorum so this is considered an informational session only.

### **Director's Report**

- State Aid Grant Statistical Review should be looked at and be ready for discussion.
- SWFLN is fully funded. The director position is being offered to Brian Chase. Natasha will step down from director position and possibly also step down from the board.

### **Old Business**

- Useful payment is covered by SWFLN for 2 years. Total was \$14,000.
- Long Range Plan is good until 2024. No one had any corrections but Director Hayes will update the current Long Range Plan to incorporate the new census data.

### **New Business**

- TLC Server will be expensive to upgrade with a cost of approximately \$10,000.00.
  - It was discussed that TLC has a Cloud based system that would provide additional accessibility for staff, less maintenance by our personnel, as well as transition Hendry County Cooperative in to a more up to date, current technology service. This new service will cost approximately an additional \$4,000.00 per year which will be split amongst the three branches.
- Library Policies will be voted on at the August meeting. Natasha brought up a couple issues to look at and policies which need to be added.
- Summer Program will start on 5/31. This year's theme is Oceans of Possibilities. Clewiston will be holding their summer programs on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 am-11 am.

## **Member Library Reports**

### **Barron Public Library:**

- The Smithsonian/MOMS exhibit, the dessert auction and weekly storytime were all a success.
- Back to normal operating hours
- Shelving will be added and library will be rearranged to accommodate.
- Looking for additional fundraising opportunities.
- Barron's remodel has started and will continue through the month of June.

### **Florida B Thomas Community Library:**

- A lady came and spoke about autism then played autism bingo with prizes handed out to winners.
- Easter and St. Patrick Day Parties were held with a movie about the holidays. Both activities were successful.
- Movie/Book/Lunch
- Labrina Coleman will present a program at the end of May.

### **Clewiston Public Library:**

- Virtual Anime Club continues to grow.
- Nailed It snack decorating was offered. Those who attended had a great time.
- Tech-A-Palooza ( Spheros and Virtual Reality)
- Tweens and Teens Tech will offer an experience with virtual reality.
- Comic Book Day
- The Career Online High School will offer Introduction to Manufacturing.

**Public Remarks:** none

The next meeting will be on **Thursday, August 11, 2022** at the Clewiston Library @ 12:00pm.