

Hendry County Library Cooperative Minutes

2/24/22

Present: Natasha Hayes, Toni Couse, Jackie Espinoza, Gretchen Debree (via phone), Nicole Hellard, and Carol Rushing.

The Hendry County Library Cooperative Board was called to order by Toni Couse at the Barron Library. A motion was made and approved to accept the minutes of the November 18, 2021 meeting as presented. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Mrs. Espinoza and seconded by Mrs. Rushing. All in agreement, motion carried.

Director's Report

- State Aid Grant-It has been completed and submitted. Money should be distributed in March.
- SWFLN is fully funded. There are vacancies. One vacancy is the Executive Director, Natasha continues to be Interim Director at this time. The accounting position is also vacant, along with the Continuing Education Specialist.

Old Business

- Vacant Cooperative Board Position (County Appointment) - Carol Rushing has been appointed to fill this position and is in attendance for today's meeting.

New Business

- Useful payment is covered by SWFLN.
- Directors will look at the Long Range Plan and bring suggestions to the next meeting. All members can review the plan.

Member Library Reports

Each Library will be continuing with present programs that have been successful. Each library will continue to adhere to the CDC guidelines and offer programs to their patrons that are in a safe and sanitary environment.

Barron Public Library:

- Created and Displayed Storywalk. This will continue through the end of the year which will include a story change in December to "Pete the Cat".
- Evening hours will start in January on Thursdays.
- Outside signage has been updated. Website needs updating w/ hours and staff.

Florida B Thomas Community Library:

- Celebrated Martin Luther King's birthday with a cake and movie which was held on Friday, January 14th.
- There was a Valentine's Day party with cupcakes and a movie.
- To honor Black History Month, Labrena Coleman held an event which was well attended. Speeches were given by community members. A brief film was shown and refreshments were served.
- Programs at the library include school homework help, Harlem Seniors monthly meetings and a woman's group meets weekly.

Clewiston Public Library:

- Adult Book Club is in full swing and going great.
- Virtual programming such as storytimes are available through Facetime.
- Electronic Books will continue.
- Nailed It/ Snack Decorating is being held once a month.
- A Make It, Take It is offered on Zoom.

Public Remarks: none

The next meeting will be on **Thursday, May 5, 2022** at the Florida B Community Library in Harlem at 12:00 pm.