

Satellite Beach Library Board Minutes
January 12, 2010

The meeting was called to order by chair person Barbara Stasko at 7 p.m. Attending were Hope Ascher, Bonnie Chatterton, Carol Late, Lore Scurrah, Barbara Stasko, Lucia Watson, Michael Zangari, Director Nancy Grout, and Mayor Joseph Ferrante.

Joe Ferrante, Satellite Beach Mayor was warmly welcomed as the library board liaison from the town. He stated that "it was great to be back" and gave all members a city pin.

Minutes of the September 8, 2009 meeting were approved. A regular meeting had not been held in November. However, the county library board met at the Satellite Beach library on November 18 and 3 members of the Satellite Beach board attended that meeting. Sara Wilkins, alternate board member resigned in July so there is an opening on the board at the present time.

January is the month for electing a new board. Present board members were willing to continue in these positions and were unanimously approved.

Barbara Stasko - Chair Person

Carol Late - Vice Chair Person

Lucia Watson - Secretary

Statistics: Library statistics for August, September and October were discussed. October was the beginning of reduced library hours. Statistics showed that attendance was down 9% but circulation stayed about the same in October.

Friends of the Satellite Beach Library Report: Friends are busy preparing for the annual book sale in February. It is also time to renew memberships. Flyers for the sale were distributed. Thursday, February 4 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. the sale is for members only. Memberships can be purchased that evening at the door. The sale is open to the public on Friday February 5 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, February 6 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Additional volunteers are needed to help with the sale. A home made quilt made by Laura Russell will be raffled on Saturday, the 6th during the book sale. Tickets are \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00. Tickets can be purchased at the circulation desk. Quilt raffle and book sale profits all go to our local library. Carol is going off the board of the Friends of the Satellite Beach Library. Lore Scurrah volunteered to be the liaison from the Friends to our library board.

Report from Director, Nancy Grout The Satellite Beach library is open 51 hours a week now in comparison to 64 hours before October. Further cuts are anticipated for the library budget next fiscal year and that would bring additional cuts to personnel and fewer hours that the libraries would be open.

Patrons are able to fax free for employment opportunities and \$1.00 a page for other items. A charge of \$60 for 3 hours is applied for the meeting room if someone wants to rent the room during hours that the library is not open for business.

Nancy presented her goals for the year. The Brevard County Libraries 2010 Plan was passed out.

Meeting dates for 2010 are as follows: March 9, May 11, July 13, September 14 and November 9.

It was unanimously approved that future library meetings will begin at **6 p.m.**

Other Business Hope Ascher has visited libraries in other states where a “stellar seller rental program” is working and has brought additional money to the library. Presently our library system buys multi copies of popular books and patrons often wait a long time before the book is available due to great demand. The idea of the “stellar seller program” is that separate books of these titles would be purchased and patrons would pay \$1 a week to borrow the books. The idea was discussed. Hope is going to report back to us after she gathers more information at libraries where this program is successful.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Lucia Watson

Secretary