

MONROE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
Minutes of the Library Advisory Board
Big Pine Key Library
April 24, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Monroe County Library Board was called to order at 10:40 a.m. by Chair Maria Richardson. Present were Board members Michael Shields and Susan Miller.

Guests included (alphabetically) Big Pine Key Library Manager Stephen Chambers, Director of Libraries Norma Kula, and Library Administrator Anne Layton Rice.

INTRODUCTIONS: Participants briefly introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes for the December 20, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- The Director of Libraries reported on recent State budgeting that preserves State Aid for Libraries but eliminates funding for the Library Cooperatives.
- Chairperson Maria Richardson directed staff to notify her via phone or in-person when the meeting packet is available.
- The Director of Libraries reported on the status of the vacant board positions.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

- The Board and library staff discussed the possibility of rescheduling the Combined Meeting. Board member Michael Shields made the motion to include the Combined Meeting as continuing business on the board's agenda until further notice. Susan Miller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Director of Libraries provided an overview of the Board Handbook and Checklist of Activities for New Board Members and asked that comments and updates from the Board and staff be brought to the next meeting. The Annual Report of the Board will be included in the Handbook.
- The Director of Libraries discussed the county budget cycle and directive to provide a zero-based budget for FY2012/2013. She offered to distribute the budgeting calendar to board members via email.

- The Board asked staff to change the June 26 meeting date to June 19.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm. The next meeting will be the June 19th meeting at the Key West Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Layton Rice

Library Administrator