

MONROE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
Minutes of the Library Advisory Board  
Key Largo Library  
February 22, 2017

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Monroe County Library Advisory Board was called to order at 10:35 a.m. by Chair Michael Shields. Present were Board members Linda Douville, George McHugh and Mimi Young.

Participants included (alphabetically), Key Largo Friends of the Library members Sharon Barry, Karen Beal, Fred and Frieda Feldman, Library Director Norma Kula, County Commissioner Sylvia Murphy, Key Largo Friends of the Library member Dorea Schramm, and Key Largo Library Manager Paulette Sullivan.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** Participants briefly introduced themselves.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes for the January 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Library Director Norma Kula announced her appointment by the Florida Secretary of State to the State Library Council. She also informed the Board that the County's website will be updated soon with current Board information.

**New & CONTINUING BUSINESS:**

- Library staff was directed to create a library survey. A draft should be made available for the April 2017 meeting.
- Library Director Norma Kula reported that the Key West Library is fully staffed and the other libraries are either fully staffed or well into the hiring process.
- Library Director Norma Kula discussed the Marathon Library project. The Board discussed advocating the County Commission to abandon research into solar panels to allow construction to move forward.
- The Board briefly discussed Special Library Taxing Districts for library funding.
- The Board determined that their Takeaway item will be supporting library staff with Budget requests.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm. The next meeting will be April 25<sup>th</sup> at the Big Pine Key Library.

Respectfully submitted,



Anne Layton Rice  
Library Administrator