FLAGLER COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 20, 2016 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm.

Attendees: Chairman Jim Ulsamer, Sharon Atack, Frank Benham, Jan Cullinane, Alan Peterson, Karen Shoemaker, Library Director Holly Albanese, Freinds of the Library Ron Pokigo and guests Jim and Joyce Dalzell.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the May 9, 2016 Board Meeting were approved.

Friends of the Library Report: Ron Pokigo reported that the book sale on the 16th had $1,462 in book sales and $255 in food sales.

Librarians Report:

1. Monthly statistics for April were presented.

2. Budget Update: Holly stated that the budget given to the County Commissioners included an inflationary amount for cost of books.

3. Bunnell Branch Update: The Bunnell branch will be open 5 days, 8 hours a day beginning August 1st. The Branch will also get additional shelving and circulation desk.

4. Staff changes: There will be no additional expense this fiscal year for the increased hours of the Bunnell branch because of staff changes due to the retirement of a senior library employee being replaced by a lower paid employee. The salary savings will allow the branch to be open longer hours. In addition 2 new employees will fill existing vacancies beginning July 1st.

5. New Furniture and Equipment: In addition to the new equipment at the Bunnell branch the Main branch will get new blinds for the DC room

6. Construction Grant: The grant request to the State for $500,000 must be filed by August 1st. Holly said she does not need architectural plans but she does need an estimate of construction costs. While the County Commissioners have chosen a site next to the GSB, staff has not yet negotiated a price for the land purchase. $500,000 is available from $300,000 in passport revenue and $200,000 in existing County reserves. Even if the County gets the grant construction would probably not start until 2019. Money to pay for expanded library services was one of the items to be provided by the 1/2 cent sales tax voted by the County Commissioners in 2012, but those funds may no longer be available due to other new competing projects. The Board asked Jim Ulsamer to write a letter to the County Commissioners to request that they quickly buy the property that they voted to use for the Bunnell branch library.

7. Other Items: The question about when the space currently used as a fire lane in
front of the main library building might be converted to parking spaces was asked and it may be on hold until the issue of possible expansion of the main branch is decided. A question was also asked as to when the Friends of the Library bricks will be relayed in front of the eastern side of the building, but no-one knew the answer.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

The next meeting will be at 4:30 on August 8, 2016

Submitted by Alan Peterson, Library Trustee