

RUPERT J. SMITH LAW LIBRARY

June 10, 2022 Minutes

Present: Chairman, Michael J. Linn
Wendy Diaz, Trustee
Jim Walker, Trustee
Nora Everlove, Librarian
Jennifer Iapichino, Law Library Staff Member

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

II. Chairman Linn calls the meeting to order. Above Trustees present at the meeting.

III. MINUTES:

Meeting Minutes for May 2022 were distributed. Trustee Walker Motions to approve the Minutes. Trustee Diaz seconds the Motion and the Motion is unanimous, carried, and approved.

MOTIONS:

Trustee Diaz Motions to approve the Financial Report. Trustee Walker seconds the Motion and the Motion is unanimous, carried, and approved.

Trustee Walker Motions to approve the Attendance Report. Trustee Diaz seconds the Motion and the Motion is unanimously carried and approved.

Trustee Walker Motions to have Chairman Linn reach out the Bar President to see about appointing Ian Osking or another attorney to the Board of Trustees for the Law Library. Trustee Diaz seconds the Motion and the Motion unanimous, carried, and approved.

IV. DISCUSSION POINTS:

- Minutes - May Meeting
- Financial Reports
- Attendance Report
- Friendly Passages
- Naming of Rooms
- Library Access
- Report from Librarian on Implementation of Equipment Authorization
- Consideration of Video Production Equipment
- Addition of Second Attorney Member to Board
- AD for ATEM Mini Pro - Withdrawn from meeting
- Upcoming Meeting Dates

V. **NEW and OLD BUSINESS:**

Financial Report:

Revenues are approximately \$21,300.00 last month, the spring bump is over. At the rate the library is going we will be at about \$252,000.00 at the end of the year. This will put us at about \$60,000.00 off. The expenditures do not include the furniture and furnishings for the buildout of the library. Unfortunately, we are not having a good year. Donations are not showing as of yet but this is pretty much where we will be at by the end of the year. Trustee Walker states the “core collection” was about \$66,000.00 and we do not have those expenses anymore, why are we so off? Nora states, our expenses have gone up considerably due to inflation. Revenues are basically from traffic fines and criminal resources, they are both dropping considerably as well. Nora will get numbers for the next meeting. Financial Report was, approved.

Attendance:

Attendance has been down at both facilities but Nora states pro-se visitors have been more active in South County. Nora also states she believes traffic is slow in Fort Pierce due to the build out. Emails have also been down but it is hard to determine which facility because they are shared between both. Fort Pierce has had about 75 fewer visits from last month. The Public Library has decreased in numbers as well since COVID. The Attendance Report was, approved.

Special House Bill:

The Special House Bill was signed by the Governor but Trustee Walker would like clarification of his designation. After reviewing the “Special Act” by the Chairman and Trustees it has been determined that Trustee Walker was in fact appointed to the Rupert J. Smith Law Library Board of Trustees.

Friendly Passages

Trustee Walker requests the Board to consider his request for assistance in helping Friends of the Library with their printing of Friendly Passages but this needs to be tabled to the next meeting until “Friends” gets permission for a mass distribution. Tabled to the July meeting.

Naming of Rooms:

Trustee Walker brings forth for discussion possible naming of the conference rooms that are being built in the Fort Pierce Law Library. It is suggested that this be tabled to the next meeting when all Trustees are present and possibly when the renovations are completed. Tabled to the July meeting.

Library Access:

The Fort Pierce Library is operating now on the same COVID policies that the Courthouse is operating on. This was determined at one of the past meetings that the Law Library would mirror what the Courthouse would be doing when it came to the Courthouse policies and procedures.

Implementation of the Video Production Equipment:

This discussion needs to be tabled because there was some confusion as to what was being asked of Nora. Nora will review the February and July 2020 meeting minutes to establish what exactly was to be ordered. Tabled to the July meeting.

Addition of Second Attorney to the Board of Trustees:

Ian Osking was formerly a Trustee of the Rupert J. Smith Law Library prior to the "Special Act" being put in place but he had to step down because he was not a resident of St Lucie County. Now that the Bill was signed by the Governor, Trustee Walker Motions to have Chairman Linn reach out the Bar President to see about appointing Ian Osking or another attorney to the Board of Trustees for the Law Library. Motion was approved.

Future Meeting Dates:

July 8 2022 at 2:00 p.m.
August 12 2022 at 2:00 p.m.
September 9, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

As there were no further topics the meeting was, adjourned.

Dated and signed by the following Trustees this ____ day of _____,
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Chairman, Michael J. Linn

Trustee, Jim Walker

Trustee, Wendy Diaz