

***MEETING
MINUTES***

RUPERT J. SMITH LAW LIBRARY

March 5 2021 Minutes

Present: Chairman, Michael J. Linn
Commissioner, Cathy Townsend
James Walker, Trustee
Jim Wilder, Trustee
Ian Osking, Trustee
Nora Everlove, Librarian

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

II. Chairman Michael Linn calls the meeting to order. A quorum of the Trustees were present.

III. MINUTES:

Minutes of the last regular meeting of the Trustees were approved by all.

MOTIONS:

Motion to approve the Financial Report. Motion was approved by all.

Motion to approve the Attendance Report. Motion was approved by all.

Motion to approve the Librarian to prepare a conceptual plan of the Fort Pierce Law Library showing a build out that's fit for the 21st century. To include but not limited to more conference rooms, sitting areas and removal of some of the Florida Print Collection. Motion was approved by all.

Motion to approve Mr. Walker drafting an amendment to the Special Bill to include removing the "residency requirement" and changing it to read "require a legal professional resident". Also, changing wording from Port St Lucie Bar Association and St. Lucie County Bar to the "St Lucie Bar Association". Motion was approved by all

Motion to approve Librarian to look into Care Funding and submit a request. Motion was approved by all.

IV. DISCUSSION POINTS:

- Minutes
- Financial Report- Care Funding
- Attendance Report
- Librarian Report
- Parking Issues for Patrons
- Florida Print Collection - Conceptual Plan
- Increasing hours at South County Facility - Tabled

- Special Bill Amendment
- Meeting Dates

V. OLD BUSINESS:

Financial Report

Nora Everlove states revenues have been better this last month, which has put the library back on track. We may still be off budget by approximately \$100,000.00. Motion was brought forth for Nora to check into Care Funding and submit a request. Motion was approved by all.

Attendance Report

The Fort Piece locations attendance still remains low but the new Clerk of Court has been sending quite a few Patrons to utilize the Library for their needs. South County has had more phone calls and emails but still has a very low attendance count. Motion to approve Attendance Report was approved by all.

Florida Print Collection

Florida Print is approximately 3 years old. The fundamental means of the print are leaning more to online access and clinics. The print takes valuable space in the library which could be used for more conference space and seating space so by removing some of the print the library would be able to be built out. A Motion was brought forth by Mr. Walker to have the librarian prepare a conceptual plan that is good for the 21st century. Motion was approved by all.

Parking for the Law Library

Nora and Commissioner Townsend attended the County meeting to get some clarification on the parking situation. A decision was deferred until the County speaks to the Sheriff. This topic is tabled for the next meeting.

VI NEW BUSINESS

House Bill 1137

Mr Osking reviewed the Special House Bill which brought forth an issue pertaining to residency of a Trustee member. It states in the Bill that a Trustee must be a resident of St. Lucie County. Unfortunately Mr. Osking is not a resident of St Lucie County nor is Mr. Walker. A Motion was brought forth for Mr. Walker to present an Amendment to modify the residency to read “to require legal professional residents in the county” and also an amendment to change from the Port St Lucie Bar Association and St Lucie County Bar Association to “St Lucie Bar Association”. Mr. Walker will

present the Amendment to the Chair in which then it will be given to the Commissioner to submit for approval. Motion was approved by all.

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Meeting Dates

April 9, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

May 7, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

June 4, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

- Judge Linn will sign on behalf of all Trustees with no objection.

There being no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was duly, adjourned.

Dated and signed by the following Trustees this 9th day of
April 2021, _____.



Chairman, Michael J. Linn

N/A

Commissioner, Cathy Townsend

N/A

Trustee, James Walker

N/A

N/A

Trustee, James Wilder

Trustee, Ian Osking