



TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
Arthenia L. Joyner University Area Community Library
April 27, 2023

Members Present: Phyllis Alpert (Chair), Candi Martin (Vice Chair), Jessica Ocasio, Carmen Alvarez, Curtis Brown, Michael Newett, and Bob Argus.

Member(s) Absent: Maggie Mardirosian (Secretary), Lauren Guerin and Abigail St. Clair.

Staff Present: Andrew Breidenbaugh, Jacquelyn Zebos, Chely Cantrell, Aracelis Chapman, Jennifer Grubb, Allie Brazis.

The meeting was called to order at 4 pm with a quorum present.

There were no presentations from the public.

Minutes from the February 23, 2023 meeting were approved.

BUDGET REVIEW

The Library's Fiscal 2023 Budget reports for February 28, 2023 and March 31, 2023 were reviewed along with activity summaries for February and March 2023. Clarification was provided regarding database use statistics. There were no other questions or comments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS—None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The application period ends today for Public Library Board positions in Districts 1, 2 and 4. Four applications have been received so far. BOCC appointments will take place June 2023.

Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library was recognized by the Urban Libraries Council with a 2023 ULC Honorable Mention in Operations & Management for our Functional Mentoring for Practical Success staff training program used to develop and mentor in-house leadership.

The 43rd Annual Tampa-Hillsborough County Storytelling festival will be held this Saturday, April 29 from 10am to 3pm at C. Blythe Andrews Jr. Library. This year's theme is *Around the Fire: Reconnecting with Storytelling*.

Community sign-up events are underway to distribute laptops to families with school-aged children through a \$1.6 million grant from the Emergency Connectivity Fund Program of the American Recovery Act. The laptops will be loaned for a one-year period and come equipped with a free unlimited filtered data plan. The program is designed to offer a means of connectivity for parents to assist with their child's education and provide greater access to job resources and educational opportunities for themselves.

An update was provided regarding the staff report to the BOCC scheduled for the May 3rd regular meeting. The report answers questions raised concerning the County's membership in the American Library Association membership and the issue of minor access to collections.

Staff will bring back an update on construction projects at the next meeting.

The Library Board adjourned at 4:53 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 25, 2023 at Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library.