

TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD  
JOHN F. GERMANY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
JULY 23, 2015

**Attendance:** John McWhirter (Chair), Brenda Staton (Vice Chair), Felicia Pecora (Secretary), Jim Johnson, Candi Martin, Phyllis Alpert, Evan St. Ives, Shelia Spicola, Davis Gandeas, Christine Kazor and Blake Casper were present.

**Staff present:** Andrew Breidenbaugh, David Wullschleger, Aracelis Chapman, Janet Marnatti, Lorie Tonti, Linda Gillon, Jacquelyn Zebos, Renelda Sells, Charlotte Diggs.

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

Minutes from the June 25, 2015 meeting were approved.

The following volunteers were recognized for their many hours of service to the Library.

Jan K. Platt Library  
Connie Brasier  
Helen Savoie  
Dolly Williams

John F. Germany Library  
Kevin Keeler  
Dustin Lemke  
Elizabeth Lopez

There were no presentations from the public.

The Sunshine Law presentation was canceled and will be given at the August 27, 2015 Library Board meeting.

### **Committee Reports**

#### Finance and Planning Committees

The Monthly Budget Report for FY14 dated June 30, 2015 was reviewed along with the Library Activity Summary for June 2015.

It was reported that the Downtown tower project is proceeding. The tower is to be located behind John F. Germany Library and calls for residential and retail units. Potential impacts to the Library/Straz Center walkway are unknown at this time.

The search continues for a relocation site for the Florida History & Genealogy Library.

An update was provided on the implementation of the new RFID system.

There was discussion about parking and traffic signals around Jimmie B. Keel Library.

A question was raised regarding the pricing of books to be sold by the Friends of the Library. It is the library's policy to convey ownership of withdrawn items to the Friends, and it is they who establish book pricing. Some Friends chapters elect to place their donated books for sale online.

The Finance and Planning Committee had no items to be voted on.

The next combined meeting of the Finance and Planning Committees is scheduled for Tuesday, August 25, 2015, 3:30 pm at John F. Germany Library.

#### Policy & Bylaws Committee

**The Library Board unanimously voted to adopt the revised Fine and Fee Schedule to include a \$150 commercial kitchen cleaning fee as recommended by the Policy & Bylaws Committee.**

**Revised policy, LS1501, Donated Assets, was unanimously approved without changes.**

The next meeting of the Policy & Bylaws Committee is scheduled for Thursday, August 27, 2015, 3:30 pm at Lutz Library, 101 Lutz-Lake Fern Road, Lutz 33548.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee [James Johnson (Chair), Shelia Spicola, and Evan St. Ives] met on July 20, 2015. The following slate of candidates were recommended to fill the leadership officer positions:

Chair – Brenda Staton  
Vice Chair – Felicia Pecora  
Secretary – Phyllis Alpert

Library Board members were invited to submit nominations from the floor. None were submitted. The election of Library Board officers will be held at the August 27, 2015 meeting.

Unfinished Business

**Mary James, representing the Ada T. Payne Friends of the Urban Libraries, provided a report concerning a recent citizen request to rename Robert W. Saunders, Sr. Library to include Mrs. Saunders. Following much in-depth discussion, by unanimous vote, the Ada T. Payne Friends recommended the request be declined. The Library Board voted unanimously to support the recommendation.**

New Business –None.

Director's Report

The new Robert W. Saunders, Sr. Library has re-opened to the public. A ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, August 12, 2015.

There is currently a Library Board vacancy within District 2. Library Board members were asked to put forward suggestions for any qualified applicants.

Fox-13 will be filming a morning show segment at John F. Germany Public Library featuring programs and activities.

Through a partnership with the Glazer Children's Museum, Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library card holders will get free admission during July 26 through August 1<sup>st</sup>.

An article recently appeared in the Hillsborough County Bar Association newsletter about the positive changes to Law Library now that it is under THPL management.

Staff provided a presentation regarding the online learning resources available through the Online Library, HCPLC.org/Learning & Research—for example, Lynda.com; Mango Languages; Universal Class; Tutor.com; and Learning Express Library.

The next meeting of the Library Board is scheduled for Thursday, August 27, 2015, 4 pm at Lutz Library, Lutz-Lake Fern Road, Lutz 33548.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.