

**LAKE WALES LIBRARY BOARD  
MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2020 AT 4:00 PM  
LAKE WALES PUBLIC LIBRARY SCHOENOFF MEETING ROOM**

Members in attendance: Paula Alford, Allison Kapphan,

Staff in attendance: Tina Peak, Jennifer D'hollander, and Dorinda Mosby (recording minutes)

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The meeting was opened by the Chairperson, Paula Alford.

**Review of the August Meeting Minutes**

The August Meeting minutes could not be approved as there wasn't a quorum present.

**Library Statistics**

Tina Peak went over library statistic report.

**Library Updates**

Tina also reported that the library will be offering a virtual calligraphy class (there will be 2 classes). Lake Wales, Haines City and Bartow libraries are the three remaining Polk County Library Cooperative libraries still closed. Tina talked about the passing of Friends of the Library President Chip Thullbery. Membership Chairman, Jodi Schmidt will be nominated to fill the President's office at the September LWLA Board Meeting. The library still has a skeleton crew working with people that have been out working intermittently.

**Museum Updates**

Jennifer D'hollander reported that 50-75% of Florida museums are now open. Jennifer discussed reopening Lake Wales History Museum. The grant funds that have been awarded by the Tourist Development Council's Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee requires the museum to be open and using marketing funds to receive reimbursement for these expenditures and live events.

The staff at the museum has been busy at working at the Mimi Hardman Collections Center. A new A/C has been installed, with renovations, repairs and landscaping starting soon. Jennifer is putting together a Florida Humanities Council grant application to develop an African American archive. The museum did not receive the IMLS grant requested for a Museum Master Plan.

Virtual tours at the museum are ongoing. They will have two exhibits for women's voting rights. The museum will host a virtual History Happy Hour on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Sharon Koskopf will have an online discussion on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Book Club this month is Barracoon by Zora Neale Hurston on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The Friends of the Lake Wales Museum are planning two upcoming fundraisers and the development of a newsletter.

The next meeting of the Lake Wales Library Board is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please email [library@lakewalesfl.gov](mailto:library@lakewalesfl.gov).

There was no further business. The meeting was adjourned by Paula Alford.

Submitted by

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Dorinda Mosby, Library Assistant

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Paula Alford, Chairman