

**Suncoast Information Specialists
Business Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 25th, 2013**

Date/Time: Thursday April 25th, 2013 6:00pm.

Location: Palmetto Branch Library

Host: Manatee Public Library System

Catering: Publix

Attendance: 17 members and guests

Minutes by: Jessie Riggins

Socializing and Networking

Meet and greet and dinner started around 6:05pm

Business Meeting Minutes

Introduction

Hal Harmon opened the meeting with introductions. The meeting was called to order at 6:20pm. Hal thanked the library staff for hosting our meeting and Laurie Bates for speaking to our group.

Old Business

Minutes

Hal called for approval of the minutes. Jodi provided a print copy for the members to look at and Hal mentioned that they were on the website. Caroline Reed approved and Megan O'Brien placed the second approval.

Treasurer's report

Jodi Geever reported that there was \$1,816.69 in the treasure fund. We purchased a basket for the FLA Silent Auction which supported the scholarship fund for FLA at the cost of \$49.95.

Other

Caroline Reed, Jessica Riggins and Hal Harmon presented the scholarship winner for the FLA conference. Jessica Szempruch was in attendance and introduced herself to the group. The committee reported that 4 student scholarships were awarded since no librarian applicants were received. The 2013 winners were Roxana Grinov, USF, Marisa Meale, USF, Jessica Szempruch, USF and Aileen Valdes, USF. Aileen Valdes turned the scholarship down since she had work commitments.

New Business

No new business

Announcements

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Open to floor

Hal made a call for people to submit announcements for the newsletter to Megan O'Brien.

Several members announced job opportunities at their libraries.

The Alice G. Smith Lecture series was announced for the next USF Alumni meeting on May 9th at the USF Tampa Campus from 7:00pm -9:00pm.

Closing

The business meeting was closed at 6:55pm. Hal Harmon introduced the speaker Laurie Bates-Weir, who began at 7:00pm. Program ended at 7:55pm.

Program

The speaker Laurie Bates-Weir was from Sarasota County. The topic: Wanting What You Can't Have: Independent Scholars, Information Vagabonds, and Inaccessible Information.