

FRIENDS OF THE STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES OF FLORIDA INC.

MINUTES

March 2, 2023

Via Zoom

Present

Board of Directors

David Benjamin
Gloria Colvin
Gene Coppola
Claire Dygert
Ramona La Roche
Taryn Rodriguez-Boette
Rachel Walton

Division Staff

Lindsey Harrington
Kym Keaton
Amy Johnson
Tom Peña
Matthew Storey
Rebecca Thomas

Absent

Kathleen Malloy

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. Eastern on March 2, 2023, by President Gene Coppola. Roll was called and a quorum was noted.

Adoption of agenda

David Benjamin moved to adopt the draft agenda. The motion was seconded, and the agenda was unanimously adopted.

Approval of minutes from the January 6, 2023, meeting

Gloria Colvin moved to approve the draft minutes. The motion was seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Financial report

Director's office staff presented the year-to-date budget to the board and an update of the current account balance via the profit and loss worksheet. The board was informed that all funds being held on behalf of SARC had been expended or forwarded to the host state for next year's meeting.

Director's comments

Archives historian, Matthew Storey, spoke to the board and answered questions about the current project to crowdsource the transcription of tax rolls held by the State Archives.

Division Director, Amy Johnson, updated the board on various division activities including the receipt of a request to use the Friends' brochure as a sample in a book about library support groups;

progress in the ordering of sticky books promoting FLIN SHAREit; information on the acquisition of and progress on the digital platform; legislative bills tracked by the division; progress on board appointments and reappointments; and a Research Stipend update.

Unfinished business

The board reiterated their interest in meeting with other division citizen support organizations.

The board reviewed their long-range plan and highlighted accomplishments. They also discussed areas, like partnerships, that needed to be reviewed at further meetings and the need to understand their audience better for marketing. Division staff agreed to provide a visual chart of Friends accomplishments to date.

The board asked Dr. Ramona La Roche to invite members of the Friends group associated with the African American Research Library and Cultural Center to present briefly at the June 16 meeting.

The board agreed to postpone their in-person meeting to October 2023. Gene Coppola agreed to invite members of the Palm Harbor Friends of the Library to present at this meeting.

New business

The board did not discuss any new business.

Next meeting

The board will meet virtually, via Zoom, on June 16, 2023, from 9 a.m. to conclusion.

Public comment

A call was made for public comment and there was none.

Adjourn

Taryn Rodriguez-Boette moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded, unanimously approved, and the meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m. Eastern on March 2, 2023.