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Sussex County Library Advisory Board (LAB) Meeting

MINUTES

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

10:00a – Noon

West Complex Large Conference Room

Call to Order: [By Diana Young at 10:02a.](#)

Adoption of Wednesday, March 20, 2019 Agenda. [Motion by John Monahan ; 2nd by Harriet Elliott](#)

The March 20, 2019 LAB Meeting is dedicated to a PowerPoint presentation by the Independent library stakeholders about the FY 2020 budget and related discussion.

The PowerPoint presentation is included with these Minutes. It focused on the libraries as a Community Resource: helping people become School Ready, Employment Ready, and Health Ready; as a Community Value and through Community Use. “There is more than one way to save a life,” and “Libraries are solution centers,” were the tag lines.

Following the presentation:

- John Monahan made the motion to support the proposed FY 2020 budget request by the Independent libraries; 2nd by Mary Schwanky.
- The statement of same that was sent to the County Administrator and COO/Finance Director is below:

Todd and Gina,

RE: FY 2020 County funding increase for the Independent libraries.

By unanimous vote, the Sussex County Library Advisory Board (LAB) recommends the FY 2020 funding increase requested via the group's presentation on Wednesday, March 20, 2019.

As participants in the event, you are aware of the total increase request.

Kathy

Kathy Graybeal

Sussex County Librarian

- While the LAB supported the intent of the FY 2021 consideration included in the presentation, they voted to table further discussion until there are more details and clarification around the funding terminology and tax percentages.
- Resulting topics for related future discussion by the LAB include:
 - Build an effective LAB manual.
 - Centralize the marketing of our accomplishments. Feature the school, health, employment components.
 - Create standards and “what we can do to help them.” Standards were not defined at that time.
 - Consider Foundation Center subscriptions, a hired grant support person and developing internal expertise for successful grant-writing. That internal expertise includes the LAB members.

Next meeting date: April 17, 2019 at 10:00am in the Large Conference Room at the Sussex County Administration West Complex.

Adjourn. Motion by John Monahan; 2nd by Diana Young.