Attendance: Phyllis Alpert (Vice Chair), Shelley Blood (Secretary), Jim Johnson, Bob Argus, Howard Harris, Candi Martin, Joan Zacharias, Maggie Coleman, Carmen Alvarez and Davis Gandees were present. Christine Kazor and Felicia Pecora (Chair) were excused.


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

Minutes from the January 25, 2018 meeting were approved with corrections.

There were no presentations from the public.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Planning Committee

The FY18 monthly budget reports were reviewed along with a Quarterly Source and Use Statement and the Monthly Library Activity and Branch summaries. Questions were addressed regarding the office supplies and maintenance line items.

Staff provided an update on capital improvement projects underway. Updated architectural renderings were presented for the Riverview Library and the C. Blythe Andrews, Jr. Library replacement projects. Other ongoing projects include the John F. Germany Library west building relocation, expected to be complete by June 2018; the Jan Platt Regional Library children’s area refurbishments and new meeting spaces; and the Charles Fendig Library refurbishment and irrigation project. Replacement of A/C units for West Tampa Branch and SouthShore Regional Library are upcoming.

The next meeting of the combined Finance & Planning Committee is scheduled for Thursday, March 22, 3 pm at West Tampa Library.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A draft of the Strategic Plan that incorporates the vision and mission statements for all Cooperative members was presented along with a promotional piece with current data about the organization. Library Board members were asked to review and email any feedback on the Strategic Plan to staff.

An update was provided on the progress of the HAAL Pass program (Hillsborough All Access Libraries).

The Friends of the Library provided a list of scheduled chapter meetings, which Library Board members are encouraged to attend in their district.

NEW BUSINESS
The Library Board was briefed regarding Project Outcome, a new tool to be incorporated into the Library’s performance measures that focuses on outcomes rather than outputs.

ADVOCACY REPORTS
Carmen Alvarez recently had the opportunity to share some Library event promotional information with a client.

Davis Gandees urged Library Board members to spread the word about potential impacts to libraries that would result from any increase to the homestead exemption.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT
Discussed recent media coverage regarding the Brandon Regional Library.

Recognized the Library Development team for their efforts in organizing and executing the recent Staff Day event.

Staff provided a background on the Library’s successful partnership with the Hispanic Services Council offering citizenship classes, outreach services and other educational resources at Town N’ Country Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.

The next meeting of the Library Board is scheduled for Thursday, March 22, 4 pm at West Tampa Library.