

**MEETING MINUTES  
ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
February 13, 2014  
Orlando Public Library  
101 East Central Boulevard  
Orlando, Florida 32801  
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Library Board Present: Lisa Franchina (2/0); Lucas Boyce (2/0); Hernan Tagliani (2/1)

Library Board Absent: Ted Maines (2/1); Marucci Guzmán Beard (2/1)

Administration Present: Mary Anne Hodel; Debbie Moss; Robert Tessier; Wendi Bost;  
Craig Wilkins; Milinda Neusaenger

Administration Absent: Debbie Tour

14-014 I. **Call to Order**

II. **Public Comment Policy & Procedures**

14-015 III. **Approval of Minutes: Library Board of Trustees Meeting ~  
January 9, 2014**

Trustee Boyce, seconded by Trustee Tagliani, moved to approve the minutes for the January 9, 2014 Library Board of Trustees Meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

14-016 IV. **Staff Presentation: The Dorothy Lumley Melrose Center  
Grand Opening Video**

14-017 V. **Financial Statements and Summaries: January 2014**

Brief discussion ensued regarding the over-budget spending for the Melrose Center. Director Hodel explained that once the Melrose Center staff members were on board and had a chance to review the audio and video equipment installed, they soon realized it was subpar for the level of services that we wanted to provide. Director Hodel further stated that she felt it was necessary to purchase the appropriate, professional grade recording equipment for the Melrose Center.

14-018 VI. **Statistics and Summaries: January 2014**

Brief discussion ensued regarding the positive response to the opening of the Melrose Center. Orientation attendance has been brisk and several tours have been held. OCLS is also hosting a simulation conference with the Orange County Public Schools.

14-019 VII. **Action Items**

14-020 **E-Rate Approval: Ricardo Viera**

Information Technology Director Ricardo Viera gave a brief summary regarding the need to for telecommunications services. This includes internet service and metro ethernet connections between the Main Library and the Branches. He also summarized the e-rate discounts the Library is qualified to receive. Brief discussion ensued. Trustee Boyce, seconded by Trustee Tagliani, moved to authorize Library Staff to execute contracts with TW Telecom for Internet Access and to execute a contract with AT&T for Metro Ethernet data communication connections. Motion carried 3-0.

14-021 VIII. **Discussion and Possible Action Items**14-022 IX. **Information**14-023 **Dorothy Lumley Melrose Center for Technology, Innovation & Creativity Update:  
Debbie Moss**14-024 **Branch Development Plan Update: Wendi Bost**

Branch Administrator Wendi Bost briefed the Board regarding ongoing discussions with the property management company at Colonial Promenade regarding the Herndon Branch Library lease renewal. Ms. Bost also spoke briefly about the Chickasaw property renovations.

14-025 **Director's Report**

In addition to the report submitted in the Board Packet, Director Hodel offers the following:

**A GREAT BIG THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED WITH THE MELROSE CENTER!!!!**

Everything went so smoothly on both days, Friday and Saturday! The building was sparkling! Nice touches from Custodial Maintenance and Facilities! The glass and bathrooms were gleaming, and not one stray finger print to be found! Circulation had everything buttoned down for the Gala on Friday evening and were at the ready all day Saturday! Everyone played such a wonderful role in bringing the dream to reality!

Information Systems staff had everything working like a charm! Thanks go to Ricardo Viera and his crew of super capable wizards.

Steve Powell, our resident coxer/mediator/progress monitor and the Facilities crew were just amazing. They were like our resident Houdinis, making all sorts of things happen! I don't know how we would have ever opened without you!

Tracy Zampaglione and the entire Community Relations staff did an fantastic job organizing the space, planning for the event and making it all appear magical, thanks to Ben Garcia's decorations. His photos make a great running history of both events.

All the guests on Friday were greeted by Patricia Quinones, Cynthia Sifonte and Jessica Williams and escorted upstairs by some of our lovely and most charming staff: Vanessa Neblett and Milinda Neusaenger. The bartenders had everything ready to go, including the wonderful signature cocktails. Thank to Lynette for getting them up and running as well and all the tweeting and social media posted she did on Saturday! A big thanks to Christine Lindler for rescuing the Mojitos with more limes! Quick thinking and action on her part! The caterers did a fine job with all the food and Karen Wente did a great job working with them to get all the food in place! Sara Brown was great with the musicians and getting them set up. And thank you to Eugenia Espinal for keeping the Community Relations office running both Friday and Saturday, like a one person band!

Thanks go to so many of the Branch folks who lent a big hand helping both days: Ryan Baichan at the Simulation stations and the Fab Lab demos, Patrice Florence-Walker and Beverly Ann Galloway at the front desk, Brian Haynes at the Video station. Danielle King at the wireless multi display station and photo booth, Lisa Stewart at the front desk, Bethany Stone at the Photo station.

And then there was Pam Bergner who found those beautiful orchids and T-shirts and blinky buttons that were such a big hit. Thanks for being here and working as a floater, helping out wherever you were needed! Edson Alvarez and Jonathan Coutrier-Owens, Jim Myers, and Nisha Philip-Malahoo did a fantastic job in the audio station, and impressed everyone with their technical abilities! Jim's drums were a hot hit with Mr. Melrose's daughter Kendra. Anthony Torres and Joseph Sweredoski were so helpful at the Video Lab. Anthony really got Mr. Melrose's attention! Mr. Melrose wants to come back and talk to them some more! Anthony Bradburn, Diego Diaz, Craig Goetzke, Ricardo Viera, Frank Mackay, Leisy Vidal were all fantastic at the simulation station! All the folks who tried it, you made them think they could actually do it...and then they did! The Melrose sisters loved the simulators! The Photo Lab was really pumping out those great photos with Claude Tito and Winny Rivas, Fanya Jones and Doreen Cantoni. Some great family shots were taken of Juan Rivera's, Brian Knoll's and Anthony Torres' families. And Vanya Walker's great idea for the photo booth was ever so popular with guests on Friday and Saturday! Gabriel Soltren played a great role with the Leap Motion. Juan Rivera and Danh Lam were great with the Graphic Design! Doing a great job helping out there with their cheerful personalities were Sheri Chambers and Robert Cabrera as well as Vanya! Working the promo table was Leisa Caravello and Valerie Dawson. The Front Desk was held down so competently by Bryan Roppolo, Lillian Diaz, Ben Badio, and Jo Ann Sampson and other support. Victoria Sedova and Jonathan Small did much for the public on Saturday. Brian Knoll and Evelyn Reynoso patiently and ever so knowledgeably explained the features of the Wireless Multi Display - an amazing piece of equipment. The conference room was manned by Tony Orengo. The team of Ade Ogunniyi, Jo Ann Sampson, Griselda Clarke, Harold Singh, Michael Sweeney and Cody Cleek were fabulous in the FAB LAB. Ormilla Vengersammy, Jackie Olano, Angelee Sumrall-Lewis and Ann Collins were ever vigilant as they wandered the floor space answering questions and stepping in as needed both days. Karen Osborne was very busy capturing it all on professional video so we can all relive it!

Noraliz Orengo did a great job as Squirt, greeting everyone and helping to cut the ribbon! And Jackie Padillo was superb as Squirt's handler! And Debbie Moss, the ever so capable driver of the project, Bob Tessier, monitor of the budget, and Wendi Bost, Craig Wilkins and Debbie Tour were all there answering questions engaging our visitors and getting feedback from the guests about the Center. I know we have the best staff of any library!!!! You all rock! You make all of us look great!

14-026

**Public Comment: Non-Agenda Items**

Michael Agranoff - Orange County resident and library cardholder - spoke regarding the need for the library to reach middle school students. He expressed his concerns regarding the lack of a library marketing strategy to the "tween" age group. Brief discussion ensued and the Board asked Library Staff to explore avenues in which to reach and engage the tween age group, and accountability for any future liability issues.

**X. Adjournment**

Trustee Tagliani, seconded by Trustee Boyce, moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 3-0. Vice President Franchina adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

**Next Meeting Dates: March 13, 2014; Windermere Branch Library; 530 Main Street; Windermere, Florida 34786 --- April 10, 2014; Orlando Public Library; 101 East Central Boulevard; Orlando, Florida 32801**

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