

**Action Minutes**  
**Library Advisory Board Meeting**  
160 W Central Ave, Coolidge, AZ 85128  
January 21, 2015

***Call to Order***

Meeting was called to order by Brenda Mitchell at 6:00 PM

ATTENDED:

Brenda Mitchell  
Kevin Todd  
Olan Williams  
Ralph Swain  
William Lawrence Gallaher (Larry)  
Andrea Hille-Andrews  
Rod Gipson

ABSENT:

STAFF: Joyce Baker

***Approval of Minutes***

Minutes were distributed. Kevin moved that minutes be approved, Rod seconded it. Motion carried.

***Reports***

Joyce Baker presented the Library Manager's Report.

***Business***

**Election of Officers**

Each year a new set of officers is elected. The positions of President, Vice President and Secretary were explained by Joyce with help from the veteran board members. After discussion Brenda suggested the following be nominated:

Rod as President  
Andrea as Vice President  
Kevin as Secretary

Olan seconded the nomination. Unanimous vote in favor followed. At this point Rod took over as president.

**Update on Policy Changes**

Joyce provided an update on the policy change suggestions made by the board over the last several board meetings. The policy recommendations have been presented to the

lawyers of the City of Coolidge with minor grammatical and legal corrections. It is estimated the recommended policy changes will go before the City Council for final approval on February 23rd. Board members were encouraged to attend the council meeting in support.

### **Review 2014 Statistics**

Statistics reported by Joyce were reviewed. It was noted by Larry the circulation numbers seem to have peaked in 2010 and steadily declined over the last four years. Joyce pointed out statistically speaking there is an increase in library usage during times of economic hardship and a general decrease in library circulation during times of economic strength.

Rod asked Joyce to identify the statistics she was excited about and those statistics she was concerned about. The two statistics Joyce was excited about were: computer use and activity participation. Both of which had increased significantly over the last few years. It was noted there have been additional computers made available to patrons over the last few years as well. The one area Joyce presented as significant concern was teen participation.

### **Goals for 2015 (Action)**

This was a lively discussion during which the board envisioned its role over the next year.

Kevin brought up the possibility of Coolidge Public Library obtaining wireless hotspots for the residents to check out. Joyce noted there had been incidents of theft of ipads which were previously allowed to be checked out and she was skeptical the city council would approve purchasing hotspots for check out. It was noted the Wi-Fi service available at the library is accessible 24/7 from areas outside the library should patrons wish to use this service.

Several important upcoming events at the library were discussed by Joyce including a comic book-super hero celebration this summer with special emphasis on teen participation. There is hope the Library will be able to secure a public speaker during the summer who has overcome much adversity in his/her life. The theme of this summer's reading program is Super Heros.

It was pointed out by Kevin and Joyce there were still two sections of policies in need of review. The board discussed the rather bleak outlook of the Friends of the Library group. There was also discussion of how to increase the participation of teens in library events.

Kevin made the motion: For the upcoming March meeting of the board there should be at least these three agenda items in no particular order (Address the concerns regarding Friends of Library, Address the challenges facing Teen participation, Work on one more section of policy recommendations). The motion was seconded by Brenda with all in favor.

***Call to Board***

Ralph advised the board of the upcoming Valentine's Day dinner theater at the Performing Arts Center. Flyers for the performance were passed out.

***Call to the Public***

No members of the public were present.

Next Meeting Date: March 18, 2015, 6:00 PM

***Adjournment***

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM