

Action Minutes
Library Advisory Board Meeting
160 W Central Ave, Coolidge, AZ 85128
July 18, 2019

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Kevin Todd at 6:15 PM.

ATTENDED: Monte Allen
Linda Heath
Brenda Mitchell
Kevin Todd

ABSENT: Julie Brown
Andrea Hille-Andrews
Ralph Swain

STAFF: Joyce Baker

PUBLIC: No one

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were distributed. Linda made a motion to approve the minutes. Monte seconded it.

Joyce Baker presented the Library Manager's Report

The library introduced a Scholastic Book Fair this summer. As a result of the fair families benefited from \$2,600 in additional reading material for their kids. The highlight of the summer was the lunar samples from NASA at the Kickoff Party. The library was especially appreciative of the police department's assistance in securing the samples. As in years past, the library offered an entertainer for families at the Performing Arts Center. It was a juggler this year. The library appreciates the school district's assistance in hosting this program. It is an excellent collaborative event because the Parks and Rec Kids Kamp children are able to enjoy it along with families from the community. Both grant applications were approved. The library already purchased the robotics kits so they could be introduced during the summer Lego Clubs. The library really appreciates the support from the Friends of the Library that funded the Back-to-School Supply program. Over 400 children participated in this program. Fourteen businesses and civic groups donated to the Friends which made this program possible.

Business

1. The Fine Forgiveness proposal will be presented to City Council in a work session before the main meeting on Monday, July 22. Advisory Board discussed

what their role would be during the work session. Several board members will attend the meeting to show support for the proposal but they thought it would be best for Joyce to make the presentation. The board is very grateful that this proposal will be presented to City Council no matter what may be the outcome.

2. Open Hands has a new director that started in July. Joyce invited her to speak at an Advisory Board meeting to help the board better understand the needs of the Veterans and homeless. Her name is Angie Schofield. She will try to meet the board in September. That will allow her time to get more familiar with the community needs and identify how they can best meet those needs.
3. The advisory board discussed the suggestion from the library staff to make new books available for patrons from other cities in the county sooner than currently allowed. The board agreed with the staff that it is better for books to circulate even if they are going to other county libraries. Since this borrowing rule is simply a procedure and not a policy that requires action, the board suggested that the library staff should use their discretion in determining when to release books to other patrons from other communities.
4. Since the active Junior Friends are all under 10 years old, they are simply too young to identify the needs of teens. The board agreed to leave this item on the agenda until January 2020. If there still are not any teens who would be willing to attend the board meetings, this item will be removed.
5. Discussion of proposed service items – Joyce reported that the library now has a copy of the movie “The Public.” Julie recommended this movie be shown for a library program. The library has scheduled this program for August 29 at 5:00 p.m. The board is encouraged to attend this viewing and discussion as the movie addresses the library’s role in serving the community’s homeless.

Monte mentioned that the library has the ability to distribute codes so students can download free e-books to their electronic devices. This is a wonderful service to students, especially the students in Coolidge Unified District who all have personal iPads. While many teachers took advantage of this offer two years ago, there was a drop-off in participation last year. Joyce reported that Dani attended the Coolidge teacher’s Back-to-School fair that morning and many teachers were excited to use this service. Brenda mentioned that Vicki Williams would be the best contact for Coolidge Junior High and Coolidge High School students. Joyce will share this information with Dani.

Call to Board

Call to the Public

Next Meeting Date: September 19, 2019, at 6:00 pm.

Adjournment

Monte moved to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Brenda seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned.