

Action Minutes
Library Advisory Board Meeting
160 W Central Ave, Coolidge, AZ 85128
July 20, 2022

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Andrea Hille-Andrews at 6:03 p.m.

Attended in Person: Monte Allen
 Andrea Hille-Andrews
 Janell Alewyn
 Shasta McKinney
 Brenda Mitchell
 Kevin Todd

Absent: Linda Heath

Staff: Joyce Baker

Public:

Approval of Minutes

May minutes were distributed. Kevin Todd made a motion to approve the minutes and Monte Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Library Manager's Report

Joyce reported that the door counter broke recently and there will likely be a delay in replacing it, possibly not until September. In the meantime, she will estimate traffic at 3,500, which is a low estimate.

Joyce reported that the Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success. The library partnered with Imagine School for the project. \$1600 worth of books were sold.

An author visit was a success when local author, Stephanie Reynolds from San Tan Valley spoke.

In June "Our River Stories" offered a rich experience for those who attended. The presenter, an artist and actor, Zarco Guerrero, makes masks and uses them to adopt various personas for telling stories. The Library hopes to have him back later this year for Day of the Dead.

Business

Review Officers

Janell Alewyn volunteered to act as secretary and take minutes of the meetings. Monte Allen made the motion to vote on the change, and Brenda Mitchell seconded it. The Board approved Janell taking on the role of secretary. No one was currently acting as secretary.

Review Summer Learning Program success stories

Joyce Baker shared that the Summer Learning Program was very successful this year with high attendance and participation. New families joined and many families came multiple times each week. Tisha presented programs for the 5-8 year old age group, filling a gap for that population. Chess

Club remains highly popular, drawing lots of chess lovers of all ages. At the July Chess Club, three chess sets were awarded to the winners of a drawing. Three more chess sets will be awarded at the August meeting and two at the September meeting. There was a party kick-off at San Carlos Park with community partners. Pool-a-Palooza drew about 150 participants. Ricky gave his full support to the endeavor.

Discuss status of ongoing grants and status of budget process

The Library was able to add 20 hot spots (managed by the County).

The grant for the solar benches is progressing and the remaining benches should be here by the end of July.

In April the Library received a new source of funding that targets rural libraries. The grant was for \$53,000, with specific conditions set on how the money was to be allocated. The funds allowed the library to offer \$20 gas cards to parents of children when they participated in Library programs. Children received healthy snacks. 120 children received tablets. The Library was able to purchase 12 hiking backpacks loaded with useful supplies for families to check out. The library is getting additional STEM kits and existing STEM kits will be donated to teachers. The library also acquired new storage boxes for the cupboards. Funds must be spent by 9/30.

Review of 2022-2023 library budget

The Library received an extra \$4,000 added to its book budget. Library staff received a 7% raise

Discuss staff changes and library management while Joyce is on FMLA

The Library was sorry to lose Derek Hartzel at the end of May. He moved on to a new position. A new librarian, Rachel Merrell, was hired and will begin August 1. Joyce will be out for surgery July 28th to end of August or mid-September. The librarian would normally be in charge in Joyce's absence. However, Ricky, Dani, and Tisha will need to run things as they train Rachel. Joyce will be in regular contact with Library staff.

Discuss any proposed service changes

No service changes are proposed at this time.

CALL TO THE BOARD

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Items raised under this portion of the agenda cannot be responded to by the Coolidge Public Library Advisory Board until the provisions of the "Open Meeting Law" have been complied with.

Next meeting date: September 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Brenda moved to adjourn the meeting, Monte seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.