

Action Minutes
Library Advisory Board Meeting
160 W Central Ave, Coolidge, AZ 85128
May 18, 2022

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Linda Heath at 6:02 p.m.

Attended in Person: Monte Allen
Linda Heath
Shasta McKinney
Brenda Mitchell
Janell Alewyn

Absent: Andrea Hille-Andrews
Kevin Todd

Staff: Joyce Baker

Public:

Approval of Minutes

March minutes were distributed. Monte Allen made a motion to approve the minutes and Janell Alewyn seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Library Manager's Report

Joyce drew attention to the Story Time Growth. Two new story times will be added to the schedule in May. The library is bringing back the Scholastic Book Fair from May 23-27. The library is building a new relationship with the Pinal Hispanic Council. Their counselor, Leticia is going to offer monthly "Platicas" (conversations). The topics will have a mental health component but in a casual environment. The first *Platicas* will be in May. All *Platicas* programs will be offered in Spanish.

Business

Discuss the outcome of the city council action item presented on 5/9/22

The City Council passed our proposal with only one dissenting vote. The Advisory Board is pleased that the proposal was adopted.

Review plans for the Summer Learning Program

Joyce shared with the Board the handout created for June and July activities. The theme is "Oceans of Possibilities" and the kickoff event is at San Carlos Park June 1 from 10 a.m. to noon. Registration starts the week of May 23 during the Scholastic Book Fair. Friends of the Library is offering Dive In for Deals. Coupons vary each week for 6 weeks for events like free dance lessons, pool passes, popsicles, and ice cream.

Discuss status of ongoing grants and status of budget process

The library ordered three benches due to arrive the end of July. They are light-pole style with benches surrounding the pole and plug in outlets. An American Rescue Plan Grant provides funding for the benches and also for a sound system in the programming room.

Pinal County provided the library with 20 hotspots which can be checked out for 28 days, part of Community Connectivity Grant. The kickoff for lending them is June 1.

The Library was approved for a POD. Three computers will be relocated to make room for the 7' x 6' x 3' soundproof room which will provide private space for two people – telehealth, job interviews, and other private discussion uses. The POD will be visible to staff at the service desk.

The Library has not yet received its budget. It is anticipated that staff will get raises. Modest increases were requested for materials.

Discuss any proposed service changes

The board had a brief, hypothetical discussion of possible future changes in hours of service.

Call to the Board

Call to the Public

Next meeting date: July 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Brenda moved to adjourn the meeting, Monte seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.