

Action Minutes
Library Advisory Board Meeting
160 W Central Ave, Coolidge, AZ 85128
September 21, 2017

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Rod at 6:04 p.m.

ATTENDED: Larry Gallaher
Rod Gipson
Andrea Hille-Andrews
Ralph Swain
Kevin Todd
Olan Williams

ABSENT: Brenda Mitchell

STAFF: Joyce Baker

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were distributed. Olan moved that minutes be approved, Larry seconded it.

Reports

Joyce Baker presented the Library Director's Report.

Business

Review Summer Reading Program outcomes and 2018 theme

Joyce reviewed the summary of what staff predicted for the Summer Reading Program activities and the actual outcomes. The 2018 Summer Reading Program theme is Libraries Rock. The Advisory Board discussed possible activities to go with that theme.

Share insights from Association for Rural and Small Libraries Conference

Joyce presented highlights from her recent trip to the Association for Rural and Small Libraries Conference in Utah. She focused on programming workshops and came back with some very practical ideas. She has already started sharing some of the ideas with staff.

Patio & security camera update

Vern has been working with Joyce to find security camera quotes. The first camera quote came in higher than the budget so Joyce is going to start working on patio quotes right away. She will see if she can build the patio for less money than budgeted – freeing up more funds for the security camera.

Discuss Friends book sale plans

The Friends of the Library set the Annual Book Sale date for November 3 and 4. Andrea will try to get the Salvation Army truck to come pick up the books that did not sell at the end of the sale as they have for the last few years. She will let Joyce know if she was able to work that out.

Review Library Advisory Board schedule for filling incoming positions

Andrea Hille Andrews, Ralph Swain, Kevin Todd, and Olan Williams are all scheduled to roll off the advisory board on December 31, 2017. All four expressed a desire to remain on the board. Joyce handed out applications to all of them. Vice Mayor Jacque Henry and Councilmember Rob Hudelson want us to advertise the positions even though all four want to remain on the board. Joyce will advertise the positions in the paper for two weeks, in the library, and on the website for the month of October. Then we will schedule interviews in November with the Vice Mayor and Councilmember Hudelson. We should know the results by the next Advisory Board meeting, November 16.

Discuss ideas for library services to the disabled

A patron expressed desire for additional services for the visually impaired. Joyce reviewed what services we currently offer – a large collection of audio books and access to the state's free talking books. There is a computer magnifier for the visually impaired that we could purchase. Joyce will do more research on the price of it and determine whether there is a patron demand for it. We currently provide programming services that are popular with the developmentally disabled. They have not asked for any additional services, but we will remain vigilant about looking for ways to serve them.

Discussion of any proposed service changes

Joyce suggested that we might want to offer one renewal for DVDs. Kevin asked if there was a way for the library to offer Culture Passes like the one they have in Maricopa County. Joyce explained that these passes were developed by the museums and cultural centers in Maricopa County and they restrict the passes to the libraries only in that County. They made an exception for Apache Junction Library but no other libraries. There would have to be a group of cultural centers and museums in Pinal County that would agree to offer the free/discounted rates before the Pinal County libraries could create the passes for distribution.

Call to Board

Nothing to report.

Call to the Public

No members of the public were present.

Next Meeting Date: November 16, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Kevin moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:30 p.m. with Andrea as second. Meeting was adjourned.