

Action Minutes
Library Advisory Board Meeting
160 W Central Ave, Coolidge, AZ 85128
September 20, 2018

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Andrea at 6:00 PM

ATTENDED: Julie Brown
Ralph Swain
Brenda Mitchell
Andrea Hille-Andrew
Linda Heath
Monte Allen
Kevin Todd

ABSENT:

STAFF: Joyce Baker
Ricky LaPaglia

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Approval of Minutes

Minutes were distributed. Linda moved that minutes be approved. Monte seconded it. Motion carried.

Joyce Baker presented the Library Manager's Report.

Pre-school Learn and Play

Offered the fourth Monday of each month. Families are coming from Florence, San Tan Valley, Arizona City, and Coolidge for this program. There are stations for the kids, ages 3-6, to explore. Tablets can be checked out from the library.

The Mashup

This tween/teen program is the fifth Friday in the month. It was a big hit this month. Participants poured paint to create masterpieces.

Chamber of Commerce Back to School Event

Making good connections with Coolidge and Imagine teachers.

Banned Book Week

This week is banned book week. There will be a table with banned books displayed in the library. This is an opportunity for libraries to draw attention to the topic of banned books.

Get on the Boat Voter Registration Drive

Next week. This includes anyone who will be 18 by November 6, 2018.

Writer's workshop

Begins October 4th and will be the 1st and 3rd Thursdays. This will last all winter.

Business

Review Summer Reading Program Outcomes and 2019 Theme

Community Baby Shower was a big success. About 35 people attended. Two hundred and ninety-two kids from Parks and Rec participated in the **Summer Reading Program**. Outside of the Parks and Rec kids, we had 149 complete the program this year. This was a 54% increase over 2017. We had so many participants this year that we ran out of prizes.

Share Insights from Association for Rural and Small Libraries Conference

Joyce attended the **Association for Rural and Small Libraries Conference** September 11-15.

- **Let's Move at the Library** – Joyce learned about a children's program that incorporated music. Since Tori might be interested in offering some children's programming we might be able to add a program like this. Joyce and Ricky have been discussing how to incorporate more movement into library activities. Another idea is called the "Library of Things." For example, one can check out a backpack and there would be things needed to hike. Joyce asked the advisory board to think about how to bring "movement" into the library. Brenda suggested "A Tour of Coolidge" backpack. Andrea added in that you might add a scavenger hunt aspect to this backpack. This was one of Joyce's favorite part of the conference.
- **Adulting 101** – Joyce had an "ah ha" moment of how to make our Adulting 101 classes more successful. From a presentation at the conference, Joyce learned that another library was successful by making the class geared towards 9th and 10th graders. The parents were also involved in planning the topics to be covered and the parents of the 9th and 10th graders drug the kids to the first couple classes. After that, the students came on their own voluntarily. Joyce thinks that perhaps we need to target younger students for the Adulting 101 class and for the older teens we need to call it "Life Hacks," and teach different skills.

2019 Meeting Dates

Joyce asked if we want to continue meeting on Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm. Everyone agreed. The following schedule was agreed upon.

- January 17
- March 21
- May 16
- July 18
- September 19
- November 21

Kevin motioned to accept the meeting dates above. Linda seconded it.

Board Members whose terms are almost up: Linda Heath, Brenda Mitchell and Kevin Todd. All three are interested in continuing the board. All three were told that they need to fill out their applications. Positions will be open to the public. Interviews will be scheduled with city council members. Joyce wants interviews to be done in November and board members announced at the first city council meeting of December.

November 16 and 17th, 2018 will be the **Friends of the Library Book Sale**. Sale hours are from 8:00-2:00 on the 16th and 8:00-noon on the 17th. About 200 boxes need to be opened and books put out for sale on November 14. Parks and Recs guys will move the boxes on the 8th or the 9th of November. Joyce needs help at 9:00 am on the 14th to put books out on the table. Salvation Army will take the unsold books away on the 17th.

Friends of the Library are opening up their membership to “Junior Friends.” Children as young as seven can be a junior friend. A junior friend gets three weeks for books and audio books that are checked out. They will be asked to volunteer one hour a month and attend four-quarterly meetings. Membership fees will be \$1. The Friends of the Library have put together a pamphlet to recruit Junior Friends. Linda asked how these pamphlets will be distributed. Joyce said there will be a Friends of the Library drive October 21-27, 2018. They will not be sent to the library.

Possibility of Inviting a Teenager of Young Adult to Attend Advisory Board Meetings

Andrea suggested at the last meeting that we have a young person on the board. Joyce asked how Andrea thought this young person would contribute to the board. Andrea thought a young person would be able to give us some ideas that would be attractive to young people that we as a board had not yet thought about. Joyce asked if we wanted this young person to be a member of the board. The board suggested that maybe this young person could just be a guest rather than a board member. Joyce showed the Board the new proposed Junior Friend program and indicated that recruiting students for this program may provide us with a student who would be interested in also attending the Advisory Board Meetings. Staff will continue to look for a student who might be interested in working with the board in this role.

Discussion of Any Proposed Service Changes

There were no proposed service changes.

Call to Board

Call to the Public

No one from the public attended the meeting.

Next Meeting Date: November 15, 2018, at 6:00 pm.

Adjournment

Kevin moved to adjourn at 6:54 p.m. Ralph seconded the motion. Motion carried.
Meeting was adjourned.