

MINUTES OF THE LIBRARY BOARD

January 16, 2008

4:00 p.m.

Pima County Public Library
Joel D. Valdez Main Library
101 N. Stone Ave
Tucson, AZ 85701

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marjorie Gerdes, Obdúlia González, , Tom Ward, Annabelle Nuñez, Frank Antenori, Carla Stoffle, Pat Peterson

ABSENT: Miley Clark

GUEST: Pat Corella, Deputy Director, PCPL, Bonny Bruce, Administrator, PCPL, PCPL, Nancy Ledeboer, PCPL Library Director, , Karen Thayer, Administrator, PCPL, Jere Voigt, PCPL Administrator, Melody Ballard Deputy Director PCPL, Phyllis Dirksen, Friends of PCPL, Beth Matthias-Loghry, PCPL Adult Services, Cathy Jacobus PCPL Librarian

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting started at 4:15 pm

2. MINUTES FOR December 12, 2007

Marjorie Gerdes requested a change to the minutes, page 3, Oro Valley Branch change to Oro Valley Affiliate. Tom Ward moved the minutes be approved as corrected, Obdulia seconded.

Minutes were approved.

3. INTRODUCTIONS

Nancy Ledeboer went around the room and made introductions. Phyllis Dirksen from the Friends of PCPL, Library Administrators, Deputy Directors, Beth Matthias Lohgry, Cathy Jacobus and David Wieters.

4. UPDATES FROM LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS, FRIENDS GROUPS, AND FOUNDATION

Phyllis Dirksen stated that Friends' book sale will run February 1 thru 20. They have expanded online book sales using commercial software.

Marjorie Gerdes commented that Oro Valley Friends will host a Friends Fest next week. They will have a local author and serve refreshments. Marjorie just returned from the American Library Association's Mid Winter Conference in Philadelphia. Highlights of her visit included a reception sponsored by the Friends USA at the Mummerys museum and the Exhibit Hall.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Filtering Demo

Nancy gave a brief overview of the Internet Filtering that County IT and the Library have been working on. She explained that the filtering system does not function exactly as the Internet Filtering Committee expected. Technical limitations have required some alternate solutions. Every effort is being made to fulfill the intent of the committee's recommendations.

David Wieters demonstrated the Internet Filtering system, which will be piloted in two libraries. He demonstrated filtering by level - child, teen and adult. Annabelle asked where the criteria came from. Nancy responded we are using general WebSense filtering categories. Library staff can also add or delete individual sites. Nancy stated that, if members agree that this meets the Committee's intent then Nancy will write a letter to the Committee and explain the changes.

After viewing the demo, Carla, who was on the Filtering committee, stated that while she would like to see it more streamlined for adults she felt it did meet the intent of the committee. After a brief discussion the members voted to approve plans to implement the filtering solution and they requested an update on results at a future date.

B. Health Partnerships:

Cathy Jacobus, Librarian for Consumer Health, gave a brief overview of the Health partnership with the Pima County Health Dept. This involves sharing consumer health information. This partnership has expanded to create a community health advisory partnership with representatives from the U of A's Health Sciences, College of Public Health, and Pima Community College's health programs. She provided background on the partnership and plans for working collaboratively on future programs.

Beth Matthias-Lohgry provided brief plans for a health fair and expanding "fit for life" programming for adults. She described efforts that are underway to expand partnerships with agencies like Pima Council on Aging (PCOA) and Oasis to provide health programming in libraries.

C. Budget

Deputy Director Pat Corella handed out a copy of the proposed budget for FY2008/2009 and stated that full year funding for the Wheeler Taft Abbett Sr., Flowing Wells and the Sahuarita libraries is included in these figures. Nancy explained that we have been asked to provide contingency plans to reduce the budget by 2% and 5%. Staff is working on how this might be accomplished with as little impact on services as possible. Staff projections indicate that if the tax rate remains the same it will generate adequate revenues to cover proposed expenditures. Other revenues include the ending fund balance, a contribution

from the City of Tucson, fines and fees, interest and Friends' contributions. Board members asked what the impact would be if the Board of Supervisors reduce the tax rate. Nancy responded that if the rate is reduced it will impact the ending fund balance and potentially funding for services. Several Board members expressed concern that the level of funding should not be cut since the County agreed to accept full responsibility for funding the Library system.

D. Future Meeting Sites:

Nancy explained that in the past the Library Advisory Board has met at different library branches to give them the opportunity to visit branch libraries and meet the Branch Managers. Members discussed the merits of this practice. Some members stated that it is easier to meet at the Main library but they would not mind a different site bi-annually. All members agreed to bi-annual meetings at a different branch.

6. LIBRARY REPORTS:

Director's Report

Nancy mentioned that Marana is moving forward to develop plans for a community complex that will house Pima Community College, YMCA, Parks and Recreation and a library. Geasa-Marana has expanded into the old sheriff's space. Fresh paint and new carpet have created two classroom/meeting rooms for the public. Staff has invited the Marana Chamber to hold a mixer at the library.

Quincie Douglas Branch will be celebrating the Martin Luther King holiday on Friday with a bus ride to commemorate the end of the Montgomery bus boycott. Elva Smithwhite, Branch Manager, got a commitment from Sun Tran to participate and take short rides throughout the day. Already there are 170 people signed up to ride the bus. Additional activities have been planned with community input.

Nancy invited the members to the Green Valley Friends annual meeting on January 24 at 1:00 pm. County Administrator, Chuck Huckleberry will be the guest speaker. Library will also send members the invitation to the State of the City luncheon and the State of the County.

Public Services Report

Melody commented that on their visit to Arivaca Branch, Nancy, Steff and Melody met a Japanese visitor who biked to Arivaca, from the Grand Canyon just to see the rock that Byrd Baylor wrote about in her book, *Everybody Loves a Rock*. Coincidentally Byrd was in Arivaca and spoke with the visitor and signed her book for him.

Support Services Report

The Wilmot renovation had its kick off meeting with the architect and staff. The initial time table takes into account a worst case scenario with Wilmot reopening in the fall of 2009. Once

work is under way we will revise the time table. Abbett and Flowing Wells are moving right along. Still no electricity at Abbett and this has slowed the work. However, we anticipate that Abbett will be completed by the end of March. No problems at Flowing Wells.

Community Relations Report

Nancy commented that Steff is doing a great job promoting all of our services over the holidays. The Best Books of the Southwest was published and copies were distributed to members. Steff is in the process of publishing bookmarks and posters featuring the tag line "It's Your Library". Members commented that Steff is doing a great job on all of the events out in the branches and they appreciate seeing the news articles that are forwarded.

7. CALL TO AUDIENCE

None

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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Literacy Summit in March

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Galvez
Executive Administrative Assistant