

MINUTES OF THE LIBRARY BOARD

February 8, 2006
4:00 p.m.

Tucson-Pima Public Library
Miller-Golf Links Branch
9640 E. Golf Links Road
Tucson, Arizona

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Pat Peterson, Vice President Wendell Niemann, Sofia Abrams, Obdúlia González, Marjorie Gerdes, and Dan Eckstrom

ABSENT: Jack Kuhn, Carla Stoffle, and Joel Valdez

GUEST: Future Board Member Barbara O'Brien, Golf Links Managing Librarian Sharla Darby, Golf Links Children's Librarian Matt Landon, Program Instructor Frederica Torres, and Outreach Teen Representative Karen Heiman

CALL TO ORDER

President Pat Peterson called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

MINUTES FOR January 11, 2006

Vice President Wendell Niemann asked for clarification about how many Gates computers were purchased. Deputy Director Pat Corella indicated 98 computers were purchased by the Library with the grant money received from the Gates Foundation.

It was moved by Obdúlia González and seconded by Marjorie Gerdes that the January 11 minutes be accepted as written, motion passed.

INTRODUCTIONS

President Pat Peterson introduced and welcomed Barbara O'Brien who will be nominated by Council Member Nina Trasoff, Ward 6, to become a Library Board Member.

REPORTS FROM LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS, FRIENDS GROUPS, AND FOUNDATION

Library Board

President Pat Peterson mentioned there were several Board Members and Library staff who attended the State of the City luncheon.

Marjorie Gerdes mentioned an article in the American Libraries that was titled "Circum Polar Librarians" by Sandy Duling. Researchers from all over the world use this library which is housed in the Arctic Center, called the Arkitikum located in Rovaniemi, Finland. She has visited there twice.

TPPL Friends

Nancy Ledebor announced that the Friends are having their big book sale now and ends February 22.

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Oro Valley Friends

Marjorie Gerdes said the Oro Valley Library reopening was very nice with four different ribbon cuttings at various times during the day with good attendance at each.

She said the Oro Valley Library Friends' had their book sale in January for four days and took in \$10,148. The Friends' book shop within the Library opened the month of January and took in \$4,500.

Library Foundation

Betty Holpert reported their first Literary Salon fund raising will be held at Donna Grant's house on Sunday, February 12, 4:00—6:00 p.m. It will feature author Jennifer Carrell who wrote the *Speckled Monster*, a historical tale about smallpox.

NEW BUSINESS

Project LIFT and Mothered/Fatheread

Frederica Torres first gave a presentation on Project LIFT. She has been working with Project LIFT for approximately 10 years and helped write the curriculum. There are 32 sites and the target audience is teen parents. She works with schools and social service agencies and the goal of Project LIFT is to teach parents to read to their child and help promote literacy skills.

Mothered/Fatheread is designed for incarcerated adults who want to improve their reading skills as well as their parenting skills. The Arizona Humanities Council has provided training for Mothered/Fatheread facilitators, as well as funds for books for participants to take home. The goal of this program is to encourage parents to read to their child by helping them gain confidence in their reading skills in the hope they will continue reading to their child when they are released.

Golf Links Presentation

Sharla Darby distributed a hard copy of her PowerPoint presentation which gave statistical information about the branch expansion, service hours, circulation, gate count, number of computers, etc.

Library Budget

A copy of the proposed 2006/07 Library budget was distributed. Nancy Ledeboer explained how the projected budget expanded from \$23 million in FY2000 to \$31 million for FY 2007. There were a lot of items that were being spent by the County and the City that were not shown in the Library budget. The \$31 million is a more accurate cost of operating the Library. She said Hank has supported our proposal to increase the materials budget to be at a 15% of our operating budget.

Hank said it is important to make positive changes this year and set a base that is realistic going forward. The Library system has suffered somewhat in the last five—six years as the City had serious difficulties.

Hank Atha said by early 2007, when Flowing Wells is completed, the Library will have added seven new Libraries and significantly expanded five since 2001. The budget has not increased in proportion to the growth.

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Library Transition Update

Hank Atha said the City/County Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) is complete and has been signed off by the County Attorney and should be published for the public either Thursday or Friday. The joint Board of Supervisors and Mayor and Council meeting is scheduled for February 21. Nancy Ledeboer, Liz Miller, and he, along with representatives from State and City Retirement will be meeting with all Library employees on Friday, February 10.

Hank knows that personnel has been a major issue that the Library Board has been concerned about. In the final IGA, the County has agreed to almost all of the items that the City and Nancy has brought forth. The only item left open is those employees who retire from the system before the transition occurs. The County will sit down with those employees individually to talk about salaries. Everyone else will transfer at exactly the same salary and position. He said that Nancy Ledeboer has really led the effort to advocate for the Library system and staff.

There is also a resolution for the Board of Supervisors for supporting the Library Board's recommendation and the City's intention to rename the Wilmot Branch Library to the Lewis C. Murphy Memorial Wilmot Branch.

Pat Peterson thanked Nancy Ledeboer on behalf of the Library Board. Wendell Niemann offered a profound thanks to Liz Miller and Hank Atha for staying with us and communicating with the Board.

Outreach—Teen Representative

Matt Landon, Golf Links' Children's Librarian, introduced Karen Heiman, Senior at Sabino, who is a teen volunteer at the Golf Links' Branch. Karen gave a nice personal perspective of the Library. She explained that she got involved in the Library with the Summer Reading Program. She talked about how important the Library is to her. She said it offers her a peace time and a way to communicate with teens who are interested in the same reading materials and has helped prepare her for her future career choice—to become a teacher.

Board Member Dan Eckstrom left the meeting at 5:17 p.m., no quorum was present.

ULC Training in Baltimore

Pat Corella explained that the ULC workshop is a training mechanism to start developing and mentoring staff on their career path and establish a replacement pool for advancement when other library staff retires. Daphne Daly was selected as the fellow and he is the sponsor.

Nancy Ledeboer said the ULC program consists of approximately 20 different teams from libraries across the nation. Each of them has a different project to work on in their community. During the 9 months they are working on leadership based around that project. They are to deal with a project that is complex, that has no set answers, where they will learn about the realities of managing change and dealing with transition and resistance to change and be involved with the community. The project selected for TPPL was the Wilmot Branch which is a very complex project.

ACTION ITEM

None

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LIBRARY UPDATE

Library Director's Report
No updates were given

Statistics

There was no discussion on the statistics.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Tutor.com
- ADA Issues

CALL TO AUDIENCE

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Fouts
Executive Assistant