

MINUTES OF THE LIBRARY BOARD

February 14, 2007
4:00 p.m.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Wendell Niemann, Vice President Pat Peterson, Jack Kuhn, Carla Stoffle, Joel Valdez, Marjorie Gerdes, Obdulia Gonzalez, Barbara O'Brien, Sofia Abrams,

ABSENT: Dan Eckstrom

GUESTS: Betty Holpert, Foundation
Carolyn Claussen, ACLU
Dr. John Moffatt, Chair, Internet Policy Committee
Bill Alliare, Pima County Information Technology Department
Martin Rivera, Managing Librarian Mission Branch, Internet Policy Committee Member
Margot McDonald, Library Tech Management
David Weiters, Library Tech Management
Hank Atha, Deputy County Administrator
Pat Corella, Deputy Director, Pima County Public Library
Melody Ballard, Deputy Director, Pima County Public Library
Bonny Bruce, Administrator, Pima County Public Library
Jere Voigt, Administrator, Pima County Public Library
Karen Thayer, Administrator, Pima County Public Library
Karen Friar, Pima County Attorney's Office
John Overall, KVOA TV 4 News
John Malloy, Public citizen

CALL TO ORDER

President Wendell Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 13, 2006

It was moved by Pat Peterson and seconded by Wendell Niemann that the December 13, 2006 minutes be accepted as written; motion was passed.

INTRODUCTIONS

Wendell Niemann introduced guests present that included members of the Library Internet Policy Committee, Library Administrators and staff, Information Technology Staff, Arizona Civil Liberties Union Representative, Pima County Attorney's Office and members of the media.

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REPORTS FROM LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS, FRIENDS GROUPS, AND FOUNDATION

TPPL FRIENDS

No Report

Library Board

No Reports from members.

Foundation

Betty Holpert reported that the Foundation's end of the year fundraiser raised \$1,000 and that amount will be matched by \$35,000 by the Thomas Brown Foundation.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Internet Policy Committee

1. Internet Filtering Report

Committee Chair, Dr. John Moffat gave the Board a presentation on the Final Recommendations for Internet Policy. He reported that the committee addressed a set of complex and conflicting priorities but that it was completed in a respectable manner. He stressed that the committee's absolute and primary concern was the safety of children in the Library. The second issue they faced was protection of adult users' constitutional right to access information. John cited that there is not a single filtering product that has filters that excludes what the Supreme Court defines as illegal content.

The Committee therefore recommends the following Internet Policy:

- a. Internet Access for all users under the age of 18 will be filtered.
- b. A new level of filtering for Teens is added to allow more access FOR those between 13–17. Less than adults and more than children.
- c. Initial setting for **all users** will be Filtered – cable and WiFi connected.
- d. WIFI users that want Unfiltered Access must have registered as a Library user and proven their age to be 18 or greater. All others are filtered at the Child level.
- e. A PIN number is being added to the login process to make it more difficult for children to use an adult's card.
- f. Notification to Parents of their responsibilities when they grant access to their Library Card.
- g. Take measures to physically relocate computers when possible
 - i. Teen and youth areas dedicated for use by youth
 - ii. Where space limitations prevail, centrally locate computers to allow staff to provide greater assistance with proper use.
 - iii. Avoid facing queues or high traffic areas to avoid accidental viewing of inappropriate content.
 - iv. Continue to use physical privacy screens on centrally located computers.
- h. Continue periodic review of filtering options and technology change including consultation with legal counsel and incorporating community input.
- i. Provide a safe environment for the public and staff
 - i. Enforcement of the Code of Conduct and standards of behavior on a daily basis falls to the Library Staff – therefore the Committee recommended training by the County Attorney's SAFE team to recognize illegal content and take appropriate action when a crime has been committed

- ii. Off duty officers be hired to supplement security guards at the Main and other libraries, as needed, to assist in the enforcement of the Code of Conduct and deter illegal activity.
- j. Finally, the Library is a point of awareness and an information resource within the community. As such the Committee recommends that the Library embark on a public awareness campaign to educate the public and library customers about Internet Safety.

Jack Kuhn stated that he was disappointed with the final recommendations. He preferred a stronger stance such as those implemented by Oro Valley and Phoenix.

Board Action to Recommendation

Joel Valdez made a motion to support all recommendation prepared by the committee and proceed with the process to forward to the Board of Supervisors for final approval and implementation.

Pat Peterson seconded the motion.

Motion was passed with Jack Kuhn opposing.

B. 2007 Budget

Pat Corella reviewed the Budget for the 2007-08 Year. He stated that last year's Budget was 34.5 million dollars and the proposed budget is at 35.6 million dollars. The increase is due to hiring additional staff for the new Abbett-Wheeler and Flowing Wells Branches, increasing library material purchases and adding Sunday hours. Joel asked about the funding provided by the City towards the Library's budget. Pat stated that this year it was at 6 million and it will decrease by 2 million every year thereafter until the year 2010 when the contract between the City of Tucson and Pima County is completed.

Pat also reported that Nancy, Hank and he had met with Oro Valley to discuss their IGA with Pima County. Details of IGA are pending and an impact on the budget is yet to be determined.

C. Legislative Issues regarding Library

Hank Atha reported about a House Bill that has been introduced to cap secondary property taxes including those that support Library Districts. Nancy stated that a lobbyist from AzLa will be monitoring its progress and will inform Nancy of any developments. Nancy will keep the Board informed.

D. Bond Proposal

Nancy informed the Board about the pending Library Bond Proposals. The County is currently working on bond issues for a possible vote as soon as 2008. Sub-committees have been formed to evaluate proposals.

Nancy presented the list of library proposals and asked for Board input on prioritizing projects. The need for a Southeast and Southwest locations are considered a high priority. Several issues to look at would be the possibility of seeking a partnership with home developers that could defer some of the financial burden. Board members discussed potential areas of development that do not have adequate library service. Those in question were primarily a southwest location that could serve new development around the Pascua Yaqui area but not interfere with the Mission Branch and the Southeast areas from Houghton, Vail and south to Sahuarita.

E. Gift Policy

Nancy reported to the Board that County Attorney Karen Friar finalized her review of the Library's Gift Policy. The modifications did not change what is currently being practiced by the Library.

The Library Board reviewed the proposed new policy.
Jack Kuhn made a motion to accept the revised Gift Policy.
Obdulia Gonzalez seconded the motion
Motion was passed unanimously.

6. Library Reports

The Board reviewed the Director's Report, Public Services Report and the Support Services report for the months of January and February.

7. Call to Audience

Call to Audience was made. A member of the audience came forth to address the Board on several Library issues:

Name: John Malloy

- 1) Difficult to use computers at Mission.
Too many children using computers to play games which has interfered with his usage for research and writing.
- 2) Younger children should be kept away during peak periods
- 3) Transients at Main Branch have been using computers for illegal e-mails that consist of illegal or criminal activity.
The use of e-mail should be closely monitored. Branches that need to be watched are Main and South Tucson.
- 4) On the issue of children's computer time can it be possible to prioritize computer users between game time and subjects such as those used by serious computer users?

Future Agenda Items

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Rodriguez
Executive Assistant