

MINUTES OF THE LIBRARY BOARD

May 9, 2007

4:00 p.m.

Pima County Public Library
Martha Cooper Branch
1377 N. Catalina Avenue
Tucson, AZ 85712

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Wendell Niemann, Vice President Pat Peterson, Jack Kuhn, Marjorie Gerdes, Obdúlia González, Barbara O'Brien, Sofia Abrams

ABSENT: Carla Stoffle, Joel Valdez

GUESTS: April Rice, Children's Librarian, Martha Cooper, Pat Corella, Deputy Director, Pima County Public Library, Melody Ballard, Deputy Director, Pima County Public Library, Bonny Bruce, Administrator, Pima County Public Library, Steffannie Koeneman, Public Relations Manager, Pima County Public Library

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Wendell Niemann called the meeting to order at 4:05.

2. MINUTES FOR APRIL 11, 2007

Corrections: Under New Business, Item D, second paragraph. Jack Kuhn requested that the wording on the motion be amended as follows: *Jack Kuhn made a motion to support the staff proposal to request the City to allow 2 hour parking validation for parents attending Children's programs.*

On Item 6 Library Reports; Wendell noticed a typographical error on the last sentence. Sentence should read "*Pat has also been meeting with the Arizona Historical Society about an e-library that will be built in collaboration with the Historical Society using Downtown Redevelopment funds.*"

Jack Kuhn moved that the April 11th minutes be approved as amended. Obdulia Gonzalez seconded the motion. Motion passed and amended minutes were approved.

3. INTRODUCTIONS

Wendell Niemann introduced Martha Cooper Children's Librarian, April Rice. April provided the Board with an overview of services currently being offered at Martha Cooper. Martha Cooper is the newest Branch and held its grand opening in October of 2006. Due to its physical location, Martha Cooper serves a very unique and culturally diverse population. Children and Teens make up the majority of its customers. Services include Story Time for babies, toddlers, pre-school age children and family. Baby Yoga is also offered. Teens are involved in "Teen Trailers" a program where they write scripts and perform in short videos to promote favorite books. Martha Cooper staff visits schools

in the area to promote use of the library. Staff plans to offer bilingual story times in Russian in response to local need. April reported that the meeting rooms are currently heavily used by people from the neighborhood.

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

The Oro Valley Friends are providing \$6,000 for landscaping the Library grounds. The annual meeting is next month.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Knowledge River

After last month's presentation by Knowledge River Director, Pat Turin and Branch Manager, Sol Gomez, the Board discussed steps to support Knowledge River. Board members expressed support for Knowledge River and noted the importance of attracting Hispanic and Native American Library Students to the profession. The Library currently funds one internship for a Knowledge River student each year.

Expanding internships at the Library could be an option for the future.

Wendell stated that he will call Pat and give her information about a tribe from Wisconsin to see if they could form a partnership and possibly provide financial support.

Jack Kuhn moved to direct staff to explore all options including funding additional internships, providing scholarships or other avenues for supporting Knowledge River.

Marjorie seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

b. Collection Development Policy

Board members reviewed the revised Collection Development Policy.

Wendell Niemann would like to see some minor language tweaking on the Policy.

Jack Kuhn asked how many complaints the Library has received on materials.

Nancy responded that in the two and a half years she has been the Director she can recall maybe four or five complaints. Nancy also stated that the "Request for Reconsideration of Material" form would be made available at all Branches.

When a customer submits a "Request for Reconsideration" Collection Development staff respond to the concern.

Jack moved to approve the Collection Development Policy.

Obdúlia seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

Nancy indicated that all the policies that have been approved by the Library Advisory Board will be forwarded to the Library District Board of Directors for their approval. Once approved all policies will be posted on the library's website.

c. Library Advisory Board By-Laws

Nancy reported to the Board that the revised By-Laws were to reflect the transition of the Library from the City to the County. The proposed By-Laws are in keeping with the Intergovernmental Agreement that allows each Board of Supervisor to appoint two members to the Advisory Board. Question came up regarding Robert's Rule of Order. Nancy indicated that according to the County Attorney Karen Friar, any edition could be used and training would be provided.

Jack Kuhn stated that all By-Laws should be written at the inception of the Board's appointment. There was discussion regarding the Article on member attendance. It was recommended that the duties of the President be amended to include the responsibility to confer with a member whose attendance is an issue.

Jack Kuhn moved to approve the By-Laws with the added modification.
Obdúlia seconded the motion.
Motion was passed.

d. Library Advisory Board – Appointment Process

Nancy reviewed the appointment process with the Board. She reported that the County Clerk had sent letters out to each member of the Library Advisory Board advising them that all current terms expire on June 30, 2007. Nancy also informed the Board that the Library has posted an invitation to submit a letter of interest on the Library's website. Nancy encouraged Board members who are interested in continuing to serve on the Board to submit an interest form. All interest forms will be forwarded to Supervisors for consideration. Each Supervisor will make two appointments, one for a two year term and one for a four year term.

6. LIBRARY REPORTS:

Director's Report

Nancy reported to the Board the following:

- Food for Fines Campaign was a success. \$4026 in fees were waived and over 5000 items of food were donated to the Food Bank, In addition, staff donated \$4,836 from the proceeds of a staff auction. The annual staff Food Bank auction demonstrates the generosity of the Library staff.
- Woods Branch has reopened after being closed for recarpeting and repainting.
- Southwest Branch remains closed. A proposed building with the Pascua Yaqui Tribe may not work due to a timeframe issue. The Bookmobile is visiting both the school parking lot and the reservation on Fridays.

Public Services Report

Melody Ballard pointed out highlights from the Public Services Report

- Main, Nanini and Valencia all participated in Teen Poetry Festivities
- Fit 4 Life – Grant submitted by Gina Macaluso has had an excellent turnout. 250 scholarships were received for youth to attend a weeklong YMCA camp. Each branch will be allotted a number of spots to fill with youth that are from their respective branches.
- Margot McDonald and David Wieters worked to complete the Innovative Interfaces inc. server migration. They will now move on to the next phase which is to install and implement new features.

Support Services Report

Pat Corella reported that all projects have continued to move forward. Murphy Wilmot - revision in the Bond language was revised and approved by the Board of Supervisors. Facilities will put this project out to bid for construction yet staff is working to finalize the furnishing package. Abbett is under construction and the land compression is complete.

7. CALL TO AUDIENCE

None

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Rodriguez
Executive Assistant