

MINUTES OF THE LIBRARY BOARD

June 14, 2006
4:00 p.m.

Tucson-Pima Public Library
River Branch Library
5605 E. River Rd., #105
Tucson, Arizona

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

ABSENT: Sofia Abrams, Joel Valdez, and Carla Stoffle

GUEST: River Branch Managing Librarian Kathy Dannreuther, and Teen Representative Jody Joyner

CALL TO ORDER

President Pat Peterson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES FOR May 10, 2006

It was moved by Jack Kuhn and seconded by Obdúlia González that the May 10 minutes be accepted as written; motion passed.

INTRODUCTIONS

President Pat Peterson reintroduced members of the audience.

REPORTS FROM LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS, FRIENDS GROUPS, AND FOUNDATION

Library Board

The Board purchased a beautiful bouquet of roses and Wendell Niemann, on behalf of the Library Board, gave farewell remarks to Kay Fouts who is retiring.

Barbara O'Brien gave highlights of her China visit.

Oro Valley Friends

Marjorie Gerdes said the Friends will be changing their Board meetings to the second Saturday morning of the month. The Friends are selling canvas book bags in their book store and the book store is bringing in approximately \$100 a day. Marjorie invited everyone to her presentation that is scheduled at the Oro Valley Library, Thursday, June 22 at 4:00 p.m. of her China library trip.

Foundation

Betty Holpert announced that the Circle of Book Club is planning a fall event October 26, 400—6:00 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center. The author will be Diana Gabaldon who has volunteered her time to help raise money for the Foundation Endowment Fund.

NEW BUSINESS

Outreach—Teen Representative

Jody Joyner, 2006 Catalina Foothills High School graduate. She saw a sign posted at her high school library asking for volunteers at the River Branch. She and a friend signed up approximately two years ago, starting in the summer. They volunteer once a week for a couple of hours, shelving books, preparing items for storytime, deadwood, etc. She thinks it would be a good idea to form a teen board to develop ideas/activities to bring other teens into the Library. She also thinks it would be good to have a teen book club to read books that became movies and then be able to watch the movie at the Library and do reviews.

River Branch Presentation

Kathy Dannreuther distributed handouts regarding activities at the Branch. She said the River Branch opened in 1991 and has 9,400 sq. ft. in the shopping center built in 1986. The branch was named after the former Pima County Supervisor Dusenberry. She gave stories of challenges of working in a building below a restaurant. Circulation is similar to Oro Valley with some of the popular items being adult fiction, large type, and paperbacks. The computers are heavily used as is Wi-Fi. The branch could use more space for programs for community meetings, tables for study and places for people to sit.

Urban Libraries Council and ELI Wilmot Project

Daphne Daly distributed a handout regarding the Urban Libraries Council (ULC) and the ULC Executive Leadership Institute (ELI). ULC is taking the lead on creating new training and development opportunities in preparation for a wave of retirements in public libraries. The ELI is a program that develops new leadership in public libraries using a model of “Action Learning.” Daphne has been selected to go through this training as a Fellow with Pat Corella as her “Sponsor” (mentor). In order to develop leadership abilities, she is working with Pat to develop plans for the Wilmot bond project.

Nancy Ledeboer said that Daphne was selected for this project because of her experiences as branch manager at Bear Canyon. She has worked with the community and staff to complete a successful building expansion. This will be valuable experience as she takes on the role as Branch Manager at Wilmot.

Evaluation of Library Boards’ Retreat

Nancy Ledeboer asked for comments from the Library Board that will assist in next year’s planning. This year Pat Peterson, Library Board, Marly Helm, TPPL Friend’s Board, and John Byrnes, Library Foundation Board, were involved in setting the goals of the Retreat. One indicator that the Retreat was a success was that when the meeting was over, several people didn’t want to leave. Another positive aspect of this year’s Retreat was that relationships were strengthened and attendees spent a lot of time sharing ideas informally.

Pat Peterson was pleased with the interaction of attendees and would like to see the energy utilized even more. Perhaps have the objectives more specific and reports presented without being rushed. She would also like to have more Friends involved in planning the Retreat.

Jack Kuhn would like to see more interaction among the Friends' groups. Provide opportunities for Friends' groups to share their knowledge, experience, and future plans. The break-out groups helped the interaction of the attendees.

Marjorie Gerdes hoped that the Friends' groups would take the initiative to follow up and attend other Friends' meetings to build upon the relationships from the Retreat.

OLD BUSINESS

Library Transition Update

Nancy Ledeboer said during the final stages of the transition, we are addressing issues that had not previously surfaced, e.g., long term and short term disability, eliminating parking validation effective July 1, and Library security/Tucson Police Department. Library policies are being reviewed by the County legal department.

Library staff would like to propose a change in a policy regarding children checking out children's materials saying children should not pay fines. She asked for direction from the Board on whether they would like her to pursue this revision. After brief discussion, the Board prefers the children be held accountable and not make the change in the policy. Perhaps there could be a reward system for the child returning materials on time. The current practice of using values based customer service in making decisions on an individual basis should adequately address hardships.

ACTION ITEM

Cancel July or August Library Board Meeting

In accordance with the Tucson-Pima Library Board Bylaws, the Board, by majority agreement, may waive a monthly meeting, but in no event shall more than two successive months pass without a regular meeting of the Board.

It was moved by Jack Kuhn and seconded by Obdúlia González that the July Board meeting be canceled and the next scheduled meeting be held in August; motion passed.

LIBRARY UPDATE

Library Director's Report

Nancy Ledeboer highlighted a few items and responded to questions regarding her written report:

- She referred handouts for the new Library website. The site will be posted for the public after July 1.

- She traveled to San Antonio to meet with the Library Commission and staff to discuss the Library District. San Antonio Library is exploring how they can create a Library District.
- She invited the Board to attend the All Staff meeting scheduled Friday morning, June 30, Leo Rich Theater. All Libraries will be closed until 1:00 p.m.
- The Martha Cooper Midtown Library now has the Bookmobile parked there each Friday and the Branch Manager Sharla Darby is preparing for a soft opening in July.
- The DVD theft was done by a couple who had false ID and addresses and checked out the maximum limit of 25 DVDs on each Library card. They were arrested selling them to Bookmans.
- Will be interviewing three candidates for the Public Services Deputy Director's position and the Executive Assistant position will be advertised Friday.

Statistics

Not discussed

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Inside Out Program (Sharon Gilbert—September)
- OneBookAZ Report
- Donor Policies
- 2008 Bond Issues
- Oro Valley Library Affiliate

CALL TO AUDIENCE

ADJOURNMENT

Wendell Niemann made a motion and Dan Eckstrom seconded to adjourn the meeting, motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Fouts
Executive Assistant