

MINUTES OF THE LIBRARY BOARD

November 2, 2009
4:00 p.m.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marjorie Gerdes, Obdúlia González, Tom Ward, Miley Clark, Pat Peterson, Annabelle Nuñez, David Ellington

ABSENT: Maureen Lueck, Marty Moreno, Frank Antenori

GUEST: Carmela Powell, Dino Sakellar

STAFF: Library Director Nancy Ledeboer, Deputy Director Pat Corella, Administrator Karen Thayer, Administrator Bonny Bruce, Marketing & Community Relations Manager Steff Koeneman, Daphne Daly, Branch Manager, Nancy Lindeman, Branch Manager, Jere Voigt, Administrator

1. CALL TO ORDER

Marjorie Gerdes called meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

2. MINUTES FOR October 5, 2009.

Marjorie Gerdes asked for a motion to approve the minutes; Tom Ward had a correction to the minutes regarding the Himmel Branch Library renaming proposal. The minutes should reflect that Tom Ward abstained from voting. Tom moved to approve minutes with corrections, Obdulia Gonzalez seconded the motion.

Motion passed to approve minutes as noted with corrections.

3. INTRODUCTIONS

Marjorie Gerdes introduced those present at the meeting.

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

Pat Peterson saw the article on the health fair at Martha Cooper branch serving newly arrived refugees. Steffannie Koeneman passed around an article which stated that an estimated 500 refugees attended. The goal of the fair was to provide screenings for health issues that are prevalent in the refugee community such as diabetes, high blood pressure, asthma, and mental health screenings for anxiety and depression.

Marjorie Gerdes attended the Friends helping Friends workshop at the Kirk-Bear Canyon Branch Library.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Geasa-Marana Update:

Nancy Lindeman, Manager, gave a presentation on services offered at the Geasa-Marana Branch Library. The branch was expanded from 1,000 sq ft to 2,400 in 1995. The addition provides a large meeting room and a classroom that were formerly part of the Sherriff's substation. These rooms are accessible from the outside and the public can use them before and after library hours.

The library offers a book club, ESL classes, summer reading for youth and storytimes. Miley Clark commented that her employee attended the ESL classes. Miley was amazed at how much her English improved! The employee told Miley she didn't know learning English would be so much fun.

The teen programs and activities are very well attended. Summer Reading was up about 14%, and overall program attendance was up 164%. Pat Peterson asked about Homework Help. Nancy stated that Geasa-Marana doesn't have Homework Help anymore, they used to but the children and youth did not respond to it.

B. Wilmot Building Report:

Architect, Dino Sakellar presented a short video which included a brief discussion of the building by Nick Sakellar, the architect of the original Murphy-Wilmot branch. The elder Sakellar was interviewed by Frank Borazon on the original branch, which was built in 1965. Dino showed the existing site plan along with the expansion plans. The space will be completely renovated and the parking area will be changed to allow better traffic flow. The newly renovated library will feature a meeting room, a children's area, a teen area, a periodicals reading area, a café area along with shelving for books and an information commons. There will be two study rooms and an outdoor area for reading. There were 18 bids on the remodel. The low bid was a firm from Scottsdale. They had recently remodeled the Apache County Library. The budgeted amount was around \$3.3M and the bid came in at just under \$2.5M.

Construction will start this month. Hopefully staff will take occupancy September, 2010 and open to the public in October, 2010.

Pat Peterson asked about noise control. Dino stated that they are using a lot of acoustical tile, and with the books and bodies noise will be contained. Marjorie Gerdes asked who decides what construction company the bid goes to. Dino stated that Pima County Procurement decides.

C. Future Meeting Dates:

Due to the holidays in December/January Nancy asked the board if they wanted to take a break in December since some members might be traveling during the holidays. After a brief discussion members decided to cancel the December meeting and meet on January 4, 2010. Obdulia Gonzalez moved to cancel the December meeting and meet on January 4 as scheduled. Tom Ward seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

6. **LIBRARY REPORTS:**

Deputy County Administration

Hank Atha, Deputy County Administrator was not available to report

Director's Report

Nancy Ledeboer commented the Library staff is busy working with lots of groups, and doing outreach. The Lawrence Clark Powel lecture will be on December 10; Craig Childs will be the featured speaker.

Nancy attended the Foundation's "Outstanding in the Field" event. The founders of the Tucson Book Festival, Bill and Brenda Viner, Frank Farias, Bruce Beach, and John Humenik were honored. Nancy also attended an Arizona Library Association (AzLA) board meeting. She is encouraged that the AzLA board is considering bringing the annual conference back to Tucson in 2011.

Nancy reported that there was a complaint about placing a flag at the Wheeler Taft Abbett branch. The complaint has gone to the Board of Supervisors. Pat Corella stated that a patron wants to donate a flag; Pat informed the patron that an outdoor lighted pole cost approximately \$10K, which was not budgeted for. The patron will be starting a fund drive to raise funds for the Abbett flag. Flags have been ordered for the meeting rooms that do not have exterior flags.

Miley Clark suggested contacting the Boy Scouts to raise funds as an Eagle project. They may be interested in helping raise funds for the flag.

Nancy updated the members on the Bond meetings. The only branch that is still on the list is the Sahuarita Branch, recommended by C.H. Huckelberry, County Administrator. The Flowing Wells, Green Valley and Columbus expansions are also on the list. The new libraries for Vail and the Southwest are not recommended at this time.

Tom Ward stated that there is a real demand for a library in Vail. Nancy suggested notifying people in Vail to attend the Bond meeting on November 20 to speak on behalf of Vail.

Annabelle Nuñez asked for an update on the Himmel Branch renaming. Nancy responded that Chairman Elias, Board of Supervisors, decided not to pursue the renaming after meeting with community members.

Pat Peterson expressed her appreciation for staff reports showing how each branch is actively fulfilling the Strategic Plan. Nancy responded that all managers have service plans based on the Strategic Plan.

Public Services Report

Melody Ballard, Deputy Library Director was not available to highlight the report.

Support Services Report

Deputy Directory Pat Corella reported that the bid for the Green Valley Branch A/C replacement will go out in December. It is expected that work will start in January/February and finish in March, 2010.

Community Relations Report

Steff Koeneman reported the Quiet Zone signage is up in both English and Spanish. She has also sent out H1N1 flu information to all the branches. Flyers have been posted with flu information for customers to see. .

7. CALL TO AUDIENCE

Carmela Powell, patron, new to our area, stated that she is unhappy with the library. The library has no books; she has to go through Inter-Library loans to get books and has to wait a month to get her books. She told the board that the library needs to increase funding for books.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 2010 Holidays
- Food For Fines in April - March

ADJOURNMENT

Obdúlia González moved to adjourn the meeting and Miley Clark seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura L. Galvez
Executive Administrative Assistant