

MINUTES OF THE LIBRARY BOARD

November 8, 2006
4:00 p.m.

Tucson-Pima Public Library
Woods Memorial Branch
3455 N. First Avenue
Tucson, AZ

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

ABSENT: Joel Valdez, Dan Eckstrom

GUESTS: Joan Bigger, Managing Librarian, Woods Branch
Daniel True, Woods Branch Teen Representative
Hank Atha, Deputy County Attorney, Pima County Attorney's Office
Pat Corella, Deputy Director, Pima County Public Library
Melody Ballard, Deputy Director, Pima County Public Library
Bob Graninger, Friends

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 11, 2006

Two items needed to be corrected for the October minutes;

1. Report for Oro Valley Friends read "that the Oro Valley Library is going...." add "Book sale" so the revised statement reads "that the Oro Valley Library book sale is going..."
2. Report for Library Board. Marjorie Gerdes trip was to Rockland, Maine and not Rockford as reported.

It was moved by Jack Kuhn and seconded by Obdúlia González that the October 11th minutes be accepted as revised; motion was passed.

INTRODUCTIONS

Pat introduced guests present: Joan Bigger, Managing Librarian at Woods and Daniel True, Teen Representative.

REPORTS FROM LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS, FRIENDS GROUPS, AND FOUNDATION

TPPL FRIENDS

Bob Graninger reported for the TPPL Friends Group. He stated that the book sale was now over and sales were up. They are now preparing for the February 2007 Book Sale which will last 21 days. The search continues for a new General Director and they hope to have someone in place also by February 2007.

Oro Valley Friends

Marjorie reported that the Oro Valley held its book sale and that sales indicated a slight decrease but the Book Store is going strong.

Library Board

No Reports from members.

Foundation

Nancy Ledeboer and Sofia Abrams gave a report on the fundraiser that was held in October. The event included a visit with author Diane Gabaldon and a silent auction. Over 200 people attended the event and the foundation raised approximately \$10,000. Wonderful pieces of art were donated and auctioned off. Also sold at the event were copies of the Author's books.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Woods Branch Manager

Joan gave a brief presentation on the Woods Memorial Branch Library. She stated that this particular Branch has a very diverse population that uses it. There are currently 56 countries that are represented. Popular services are StoryTime for toddlers and pre-kinder aged children. Woods Branch is fortunate to have a Children's Librarian that is multi-lingual. She holds StoryTime in English, Spanish, Chinese and Russian. The Branch is also in a partnership with Pima Community College and Nash Elementary School and provides those students with services one day a week at the Library. Woods Branch is only second to Main with a high volume computer use. It also offers a wide range of activities for children and youth. Joan reported that they are trying to partner up with other agencies to provide any outreach to local families. Due to the cultural diversity of the area, Joan stated that there are many families in need of social services.

Woods Teen Representative

Daniel True is employed as a Library Page gave the Board a short overview of services offered to children and youth. A popular program is "Movies at Woods" where child/youth themed movies are shown. The kids get to choose the movies that are age appropriate. They are given snacks and refreshments provided by the staff. The program has increased in attendance and there is usually 17 to 18 children/youth present. The movies are shown in the Staff Room so that other patrons will not be disturbed.

B. Cell Phone Use/Customer Code of Conduct

Nancy reported to the Board that signs excluding cell phone use in Library Branches have been removed. The Customer Code of Conduct allows the use of cell phones inside the Library as long as the user is not being disruptive with it i.e. using obscene language, speaking loudly or other behavior deemed as disruptive. In those situations, patrons may complain to staff who can address the issue as a Code of Conduct violation.

C. Filtering Committee Report

Nancy Ledebuer gave the Board a report on the Internet Policy Committee that is currently meeting to make recommendation to the Board of Supervisors on Internet filtering on Library computers. Nancy stated that the committee has met three times thus far. They have had presentations by Toni Garvey, Phoenix Library Librarian who discussed transition issues with Internet filtering; Supervisor Ray Carroll who showed a news clip of Library patrons watching unfiltered material at the Main Branch and IT staff explaining the various types of filtering software. So far there is no filtering software that is designed for Libraries. The committee will continue to hear from the County IT Department on appropriate filtering software. Each committee member will also have the opportunity to voice their individual concern and/or comment at the next meeting. Nancy also reported that the committee's concern is security in the library, training for staff on policy enforcement and educating the public on Internet safety.

D. Cross County Use and Bond Issue

Nancy discussed with the Board the current issues with cross county use. She referenced Libraries in Cochise and Pinal Counties and stated that in Pinal County only 1% of its users were from outside of its county. Neither County has any future plans to build libraries as new subdivisions are added. Pat Peterson stated that it was not an issue that needed to be dealt with immediately and Hank Atha added that it may be revisited in March or April for budget purposes only.

Nancy also reported that the Bond Open House programs were going well. There has been an overwhelming response to the possibility of a new library in the Sahuarita and Vail areas.

E. "My Library Store"

Nancy discussed with the Board the possibility of introducing a new service that would allow library customer to purchase books, cds, and movies on-line. This service would be provided by Baker & Taylor our current library materials vendor. The service would be in comparison to those that are currently used such as "Amazon". In fact it is Baker & Taylor who is the distributor for "Amazon". The service could either use the Library name or the Friends name. Some discussion over the chances of hurting smaller bookstores was heard. The Board requested the following information be addressed:

- Any legal Issues?
- Information from other Libraries who are practicing this service.
- Nancy will meet with Ann Roscoe from the Friends group to get her view.
- Impact? How will the money gained be used, will it hurt community businesses?

7. Future Agenda Items

Murphy Wilmot Report by Burns and Swaim
Lawyers and Libraries by Karen Friar
Memorial for Dr. Abrams

8. Call to Audience

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Rodriguez
Executive Assistant