

Silver City Public Library

January 14, 2015 Library Board Meeting Minutes

Present:

Ted Lynn
Eileen Sullivan
Nick Seibel
David Krisch
Lynda Aiman-Smith
Hannah Wecks

Not Present: None

Public/Guests Present: None

AGENDA

Meeting called to order by Ted Lynn at 4:15pm

Minutes approved from December 1, 2014, motion made by David Krisch

Agenda was approved by affirmation

Public Input – no public present

Reports

A. Memorial Report

Eileen Sullivan handed out the current Memorial financial status, and she noted there were some generous end-of-the-year donations to the library. For example, a couple who spends the winter in Silver City contributed \$1000, and another donor contributed \$500. The local Town & Country non-profit (which runs the thrift shop on Bullard) also contributed generously.

Eileen Sullivan also noted that right now the library has all the materials needed for the integrated library system, so it may come in under budget.

B. Friends of the Library Report – no representative of this group present to give report

C. Foundation Report

Ted Lynn noted the annual report and \$10 fee paid. He will pursue formally changing the designated contact member that the State shows in the records. It cannot be done on-line, it will have to be done by letter correspondence.

There was a short informational discussion of the meeting held with members of the Library Foundation and some of the Investment Committee members from the Museum Foundation, and how they have structured their investments. Ted Lynn noted that more discussion would be done by the Library Foundation board.

D. Librarian's Report

Events and Outreach - Eileen Sullivan handed out the activities and events report for December 2014, which was extensive. She noted that library staff are becoming regulars on the Local Flavor radio program at Gila Mimbres Community Radio.

The Library will host Three Concerts, to be held on Friday nights, will be upcoming: one in Feb, one in March, one in April.

Digital Literacy – Train the Trainer starts in February, and Eileen asked the board members to recommend people who might like to volunteer to train some in this program. This program, with funding from Freeport's Community Investment fund, has facilitated skills building in about 400 Grant County residents. To read more about the Digital Literacy training, go to <https://silvercitypubliclibrary.wordpress.com/digital-literacy/>

Love the Library Day – Feb 21, 2015 -- A BIG event that all board members should attend.

Building Organizational Capacity – Following up on the work done in 2014, the Library has a contract with the Non-Profit Resource Group <http://nresourcegroup.org/> and Renee Despres is working with Library staff to develop the tools and processes for a patron needs assessment. This information also will be useful to the Foundation board in making decisions about investments and projects.

Big news - We should all congratulate Harmony Phillips for being chosen as the Town of Silver City's employee of the year.

Grant County Community Development Foundation -- Eileen Sullivan noted that she, Ted Lynn, Nick Siebel, and Lynda Aiman-Smith separately attended a community lunch hosted by the foundation, to hear a presentation about the Foundation and how it operates.
http://www.cfsnm.org/grant_county_community_foundation.htm

Old Business

Norton bequest – status – The Library Foundation is still investigating models from other Foundations, and will discuss at their upcoming meeting.

Federal and State report filing – The annual \$10 fee and report for the Library Foundation as a non-profit was done. Ted Lynn will be working with a person with expertise to get the 990 filed.

New Business

Welcome Hannah Wecks! Hannah applied to be on the Library board because she currently is head librarian at Silver High, and before that was (and is still) actively teaching English and Journalism. She also wanted to join the Town's Library Board to gain experience on such a board.

Eileen Sullivan noted that there already has been productive collaboration by engaging students with Hannah Wecks to use the services at <http://www.tutor.com/>

Open Meetings Resolution – we briefly discussed that the Town Council just passed the annual resolution regarding compliance with the Open Meetings Act. In the resolution the Town includes all Town boards and committees, so we will also comply with this Act.

For a brief checklist about the Open Meetings Act
[http://infohost.nmt.edu/~grad/NMCGD/OMAChecklist\[1\].pdf](http://infohost.nmt.edu/~grad/NMCGD/OMAChecklist[1].pdf)

Funding - Nick Siebel handed out a portion of a publication from UNM's Bureau of Business and Economic Research (BBER) on funding options for public libraries. The full report can be found at:
<http://www.nmstatelibrary.org/docs/funding/towardsustainablefundingforlibraryoperations.pdf>

Nick argued that it would be worthwhile to research and find out if there has been state legislation authorizing the establishment of special taxation districts specifically for funding libraries, and if so – explore steps required. If not, explore what it would take to initiate such legislation.

Some other fascinating information about libraries in NM can be found in the 2014 BBER report on New Mexico's Creative Economy, beginning on page 71 <http://www.newmexicoculture.org/impact/>

Adjournment – Nick Siebel motioned for adjournment, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:54pm

Respectfully submitted Lynda Aiman-Smith Secretary