

Silver City Public Library

Library Board Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, May 13, 2015

Meeting held at the Public Library, 515 W. College Ave., Silver City NM

Present: Ted Lynn, David Krisch,
Eileen Sullivan, Hannah Wecks,
Lynda Aiman-Smith

Not present: Nick Seibel

Public/Guests present: Mike Dowd
Randal Saylor

Called to order at 4:15 pm

Approval of Minutes- April 8, 2015 meeting minutes were approved by unanimous consent

Approval of Agenda – the agenda was approved by unanimous consent

Public Input – Mike Dowd was welcomed, and commented on how much he likes the library. Randal Saylor, reporter from the Sun News, was welcomed. He had no public input.

Reports

A. Memorial Report – The Memorial fund holds money that has come in as donations, some monies that have been paid for damaged books. A portion of the money is reserved for furnishing replacements, the bulk serves as a reserve fund for book replacements and other small projects. Eileen Sullivan discussed in April there have been some minimal expenditures, mostly book replacements.

B. Friends of the Library Report – David Krisch noted he had received permission from the Friends of the Library to give a verbal update (not working from approved minutes, just an update from their meetings).

Accordingly: Volunteer Appreciation day went well; donations in bins are going well; they have seen a number of un-sellable books coming through (e.g. text books from the 1990s); library sales are coming up; they were happy with the participation and receipts from the Give Grandly campaign (\$1815 received, counting Freeport gift and public gifts); the annual meeting will be June 8, 2015; looking forward to Southwest Festival of the Written Word; Friends are looking for a board Treasurer.

C. Foundation Report – Ted Lynn reported that the Foundation had \$400, 239.03 transferred from the Norton bequest. More will likely be forthcoming when various parts of estate are sold. He and other Foundation members will continue to seek advice from the museum group on how they structured their funds, and looks forward to learning from them. Ted wants to discuss with them having some portion of the funds invested for higher returns. The Foundation board will be obtaining fidelity bond insurance, since they will be dealing with much larger sums of money than they have in quite a while. After the Library Community Assessment is complete and data are analyzed, the Foundation board will meet with Eileen Sullivan to discuss prioritized strategic projects.

D. Librarian's Report – see attached

Summer reading and other programs are in high gear. The summer schedule is out. Kids programs have really taken off, and the library has seen a continuing uptick in neighborhood kids coming in after school.

The Community Assessment is on final push, it closes June 1. Another press release and plea for participation will be coming out soon. Eileen and staff have been reaching out to diverse populations – sought and got some good advice from Town Councilor Guadalupe Cano.

Old Business

Community Assessment Progress – see librarians report. After the survey is completed, the library staff will work with the consultant from the Non-profit Resource Group to use the data for vision, mission, strategy, and program prioritization.

New Business

The library is reaching out to Aldo Leopold's summer STEM program to develop partnerships. One of the activities from that STEM program will be a "hackathon" which dovetails quite well with youth digital programs the library has been doing.

Adjournment at 4:45pm.

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Programs/Exhibits/Displays

Displays:

- The upper display case contained pottery, dioramas, and descriptions of the lives of Mimbres children by students at Down to Earth School

Programs:

- Teen Tech Week: Tech Check with Literacy Link-Leamos (Provided attendees with resources and contact information for homework help. Held a prize drawing. Also solicited survey responses.) – April 7
- Teen Tech Week: StarLogoTNG Workshop with Shannon Muehlhausen – April 9
- Teen Tech Week: WildWorks hangout (our makerspace) – April 9 and April 23
- Basic Computer Skills series with WNMU Adult Education Services – March 18-April 10
- Literacy Link-Leamos tutor meet and greet with demo of math software – April 16
- Open lab – April 10
- Concert by Hungrytown – April 10
- Literacy Link GED practice tests as requested by individual learners – April 14 & April 29
- Assessments workshop with NM Workforce Connection – April 14
- Poetry Reading by Raven Drake – April 14
- Basic Computer Skills series with WNMU Adult Education Services – April 15 – May 8
- Poetry Reading by Beate Sigriddaughter, Bonnie Buckley Maldonado, and Elise Stuart – April 30
- Ongoing weekly storytimes, Lego Club
- Monthly school visits – Guadalupe Montessori School, 6th Street Head Start class

Kiosk:

- Poetry books on display for National Poetry month.

Outreach/Publicity

- Community Survey went live. Eileen Sullivan was interviewed on KURU's Local Flavor radio program on April 2nd about the community survey and upcoming library programs.
- Eileen promoted the community survey at the Rotary lunch on April 21.
- Volunteer appreciation event held at the library on April 16.

Technology

Building

Staff/Training/Operations

- Promoted Summer Reading Program at schools and local events including 6th Street School, Jose Barrios and WNMU Early Childhood Program

Grants/Funding

- Library purchased four mobile devices with the remaining Freeport grant funds. Two of these have the iOS operating system, and two have Android. Participants in our open labs will be able to try our these devices and become familiar with mobile devices in general.

Collection Development

- Lillian Galloway compiled list of Southwest Festival of the Written Word speakers and their published works for possible purchase before October Festival

Upcoming Events

- May 4th – SRP registrations begins
- May 8th - Youth Book Talk with author Sharman Apt Russell
- May 14th - WildWorks (youth makerspace)
- June 3rd – SRP kick-off event with magician Jamie O’Hara

Library minutes of May13, 2015 approved at June 10, 2015 board meeting

Respectfully submitted _____
Lynda Aiman-Smith, Secretary