

## Silver City Public Library

### Library Board Meeting Minutes June 10, 2015

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

Present: Ted Lynn Nick Seibel  
Eileen Sullivan Hannah Wecks  
Lynda Aiman-Smith

Not present: David Krisch  
Public/Guests present: Mike Dowd  
Randal Seylor

**Call to order** – 4:20 pm

**Approval of Minutes** from May 13, 2015 meeting- approved by affirmation

**Approval of Agenda** by affirmation

**Public Input** – Randel asked how many surveys were turned in. Eileen said at least 650, with maybe 50-80 to still be entered. Probably close to 700 when all get entered. More in Librarian Report

#### Reports

A. Memorial Report – took in a little bit of money with reserve donations, little bit of interest income. No expenditures, good shape.

B. Friends of the Library Report – mini report from Eileen. Annual meeting on Monday, George Dworin from ACD was here, talked initially about tourism and cultural tourism/ People do visit libraries when they travel. A visitor from Washington State noted that one of the reasons they would consider moving to Silver is the library. Also some responses from surveys indicate how important a library is to people relocating. Maybe they have found a treasurer.

When you are talking cultural tourism often people will stop in the library to look up information on the town. We also get a lot of the through-hikers from the CDT; as well as a number of bicyclists because we are on two major bicycle routes. They come in and look at maps, get a sense of what to do if they stay in town, or to leave a paperback and pick up a paperback.

C. Foundation Report – The bequest has been received, is an Edward Jones account. Paperwork was sent to the state. The state sent paperwork back. Ted still has paperwork for Nick to sign.

D. Librarian's Report – May is last big prep month for summer reading program, and for promoting that program. Had wonderful press coverage on the summer reading program. WOW! As of 6-9-2015 had over 450 kids registered – had 160 kids show up for the magic show. Pretty jam packed with events in June. Will have more promotion opportunities (e.g. at the museum).

The community assessment has closed, maybe 40 paper surveys need to be entered. Lots of comments, and the consultant will develop a process of structured textual analysis. Eileen noticed a lot of comments about the friendliness and helpfulness of staff. When finished will do a good summary – will make it available on the library website and Town website.

There will be a lot of info available for future development. Still thinking of other ways to broaden that reach, including some focus groups – hopefully some younger participants.

The NM State Library has started their libraries initiative is asking for some analyses of the community, and then to have long-range plan in January/Feb 2016. Feel like we are ahead of the game with the Silver City Public library assessment.

**Old Business** - none

**New Business**- Hannah moved to have the Library Board not meet in July and August, seconded by Ted, unanimous affirmation. Next meeting will be September 9,2015. Lynda Aiman-Smith will be absent that day.

**Adjournment** – adjourned at 4:45

Minutes approved Oct 7, 2015

Lynda Aiman-Smith, Secretary